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Shetreet to set new criteria for ministry allocations

HERB KEINON

RELIGIOUS Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet announced last night that he will implement a new set of criteria for determining the ministry's allocations.

The move followed the launching of a police investigation of two ministry departments for alleged fraud.

Shetreet, interviewed on Channel One's *Mabat* last night, said that the ministry's allocations to yeshivot will continue this month, but that afterward new criteria - which have not yet been worked out - will go into effect. He said that various non-profit organizations funded by the ministry will have a three-month grace period in which to meet the new criteria.

Shetreet said that he will establish a committee made up of accountants, lawyers, economists and Torah scholars to prepare the new guidelines. These are necessary, he said, in light of the yet-to-be-released state comptroller's report, as well as past comptroller's reports, that were critical of the ministry.

Shetreet vehemently denied charges leveled by Israel Lippel, a senior ministry official who Shetreet fired Wednesday night, that it was Shetreet who leaked to the press segments of the upcoming comptroller's report that pointed to fraud in the ministry.

The police investigation is focusing on the ministry's Center for the Development of Haredi Education and its department that funds Talmud Torah schools. The investigation began after an early draft of the comptroller's report was given to the National Fraud Squad.

According to the allegations, certain organizations which - according to existing criteria - were to be funded according to the number of students they had, were instead funded according to the number of branches they claimed.

Lippel denied any wrongdoing, and said Shetreet is trying to use the ministry to build himself up for the upcoming Labor Party primaries.



Foreign Minister Shimon Peres gestures while talking to US Secretary of State Warren Christopher yesterday at Ben-Gurion Airport. (Reuters)

Rabin to Christopher: We can achieve peace with Syria

Rabin meets King Hussein

DAVID MAKOVSKY

EMERGING from his 90-minute meeting with Secretary of State Warren Christopher in Tel Aviv yesterday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin sought to dispel doubts that his government is becoming too weak and embroiled in other matters to concentrate on negotiations with Syria.

"I would like to make it clear: we are capable of achieving peace with Syria. We want to achieve peace with Syria," Rabin said.

He made it clear that his goal for the Christopher mission is to obtain a return to direct Israel-Syria negotiations.

"My strong perception is of a renewed commitment on their part to push ahead in seeking the comprehensive peace in this region," Christopher said.

A senior US official said the US wants to serve as a facilitator, but also "lay out options and suggestions." He stressed, however, that the US would not present its own plan.

Christopher will visit Syria on Sunday, after stopping in Saudi Arabia. He is expected to return to Israel on Monday, after stopping in Amman.

Before arriving here, Christopher said after a two-hour meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo that "the US believes the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty should - as a goal - be universal. But until there is complete peace in this area, there is unlikely to be the kind of confidence that will enable all the parties in the region to become members of the Non-Proliferation Treaty."

Egypt is insisting that even if the implementation of a Middle East nuclear-free zone is deferred until after peace, its terms should be negotiated now in the multilateral arms control working group. Israel opposes this.

Peres, Arafat set July 1 deadline for agreement

JON IMMANUEL and DAVID MAKOVSKY

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday agreed to complete negotiations on the granting of more powers to the Palestinians by the end of June and to implement immediate confidence-building measures.

They also agreed to arrange a security summit between Arafat and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin within three weeks.

Peres described the two-hour meeting as "a breakthrough." PA Economics Minister Ahmed Oreia also called it "a breakthrough that dealt openly, directly, with concerns of both parties."

It tackled a wide-range of issues, established a timetable and would lead to elections and redeployment of Israeli troops by July, Oreia said.

"I am 100 percent sure there will be redeployment in June or July," he said.

"We had good talks, but I hope

no one in Israel will start talking about no sacred dates," said Saeb Erekat, PA minister in charge of Palestinian elections.

At a press conference after the meeting near the Erez checkpoint, Peres was less committal. When asked about "sacred dates," he said: "In the domain of politics, we are more secular," but he emphasized that "Israel is as interested in having early elections in the territories as the Palestinians."

But Environment Minister Yossi Sarid indicated the target date will be met "as long as the Palestinians make sure that they take Israeli security seriously."

A Foreign Ministry official said "the implementation of empowerment will be clearly linked to very specific actions undertaken by the Palestinians against terror. We are talking about Palestinian moves to arrest and bring to trial those Palestinians suspected of terror. Of course it means foiling attacks before they happen."

The additional powers to be transferred in Judea and Samaria, in addition to the five areas of responsibility transferred last year, are to be in the economic domain, Peres said.

A participant in the meeting said they include industry, commerce, trade, postal services, and gas.

Four steps will be taken immediately to improve the atmosphere: Safe passage routes between Gaza and Jericho will be opened, the committee on release of prisoners will meet next week, passage through checkpoints will be expedited, and permits for Palestinian workers will increase from 18,000 to 21,000 or 22,000 on Sunday.

Peres said PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath and Maj.-Gen. Oren Shohor, coordinator of government activities in the territories, had already reached agreement on improving processing of Palestinians through checkpoints.

Peres said that redeployment, the key issue for Palestinians, "is (Continued on Page 2)

No imminent indictments in Histadrut probe

RAINE MARCUS

POLICE investigations into alleged fraud at the Histadrut will continue for some time before those involved are indicted, Police Investigations Division chief Cmdr. Yossi Levy said yesterday.

Levy's statement contradicted remarks made Wednesday by Police Minister Moshe Shahal, who indicated that indictments were imminent.

Levy yesterday presented Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair with the evidence gathered thus far, following a lengthy discussion with officers involved in the inquiries.

"We have to consult with the attorney-general concerning the investigations of senior officials," said Levy. He declined to say whether the senior officials included a minister.

"We are still in the early stages of the investigation," said Levy.

Earlier, Ben-Yair met with the head of the National Fraud Squad, Dep. Cmdr. Yerachiel Halperin, and Tel Aviv District Attorney Miriam Rosenthal to discuss the case.

Halperin said that different teams have been set up within the fraud squad to expedite the investigation.

Police are now investigating allegations that former Histadrut secretary-general Haim Haberfeld ordered services valued at NIS 750,000 from the Histadrut's Mifalei Tarbut V'chinuch during the Histadrut primaries, but failed to pay for them.

Haberfeld denied all allegations on Channel One's *Mabat* last night.

Swiss agree to let Shmulevitz return to Israel later

EVELYN GORDON

THE prosecution in the trial of former interior minister Aryeh Deri yesterday asked the Jerusalem District Court for a six-week break in the testimony of key prosecution witness Ya'acov Shmulevitz, to enable the state to keep its promise to return Shmulevitz to Switzerland now.

Shmulevitz is being questioned in Switzerland in a case of international corporate fraud, but was loaned to Israel for six weeks to enable him to testify in the Deri trial. The six weeks are now up, and the Swiss have refused to extend his stay, saying he is urgently needed in Zurich for their investigation.

However, Shmulevitz is currently being cross-examined by (Continued on Page 2)

Labor rescinds Ramon expulsion

SARAH HONIG

THE Labor Party's political bureau yesterday overwhelmingly voted to rescind the letters expelling Haim Ramon and his colleagues from the party, but Ramon stipulated that his return is "not automatic and hinges on successful completion of complex negotiations."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin prevented the bureau from discussing the Histadrut corruption scandal and its implications for the party. He accused the press of engaging in "an often baseless assault" on Labor.

The tension that preceded the bureau's weekly session was quickly defused when Rabin insisted that the furor at the Histadrut not be discussed. On Wednesday, he had canceled a session of the Labor ministerial forum for the same reason.

A source close to Rabin said the premier fears a round of re-

criminations and invective, which would cement the link in the public's mind between the party and the corruption being uncovered in the Histadrut.

The vote on rescinding the expulsion letters to Ramon and MKs Amir Peretz and Shmuel Avital, who had been expelled for challenging the official Labor ticket in the 1994 Histadrut elections, was very quick.

By acclamation, it was decided the three, as well as some 300 party members expelled since 1989 for challenging Labor in various municipal and Histadrut elections, would be welcomed back.

Rabin saw the vote as "a test of Labor's self-confidence. We

opened the door for those expelled. Now it is up to them. If they wish, they can come back."

Rabin then went on to attack the media: "The party is now under an assault - often baseless. I read for instance that I am depressed. I haven't noticed that myself ... There are always ups and downs in political life, and sometimes en route to the goal, soldiers have to don steel helmets. We in Labor need to remain cool and composed, especially as it is hard to contend with an attack by the press in which unfounded rumors are circulated."

"It is unthinkable that Labor members will aid and abet this onslaught on the party and seize the opportunity to settle accounts with fellow party members. I am (Continued on Page 19)

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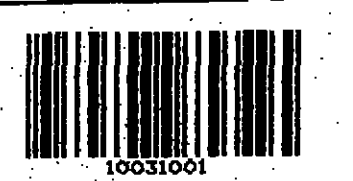
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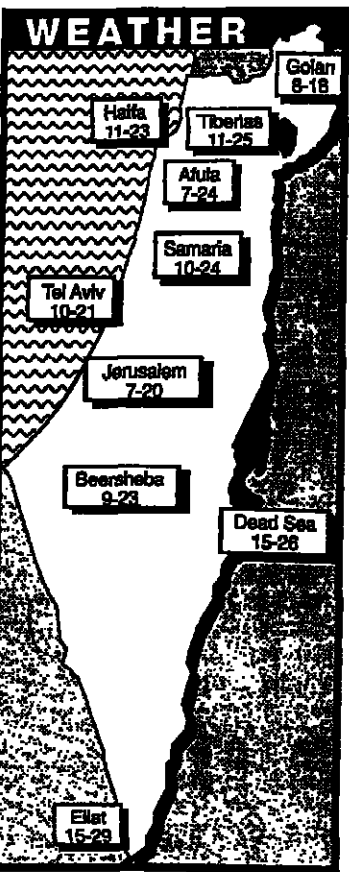
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In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, seven of hearts, ten of diamonds, and jack of clubs.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Michal Yudelman, formerly of Kibbutz Hazerim, and Thomas O'Dwyer, formerly of Tipperary, Ireland, were married in Larnaca, Cyprus, on Wednesday, March 8, 1995. The bride was attended by her mother Sydney Lossin and stepfather Ari Lossin. The marriage was solemnized by Andreas Evriades, according to the ceremonies of Marriage Law (Cyprus) Cap. 279, and witnessed by the bride's attendants.

Barak opts for business over politics - for now

SARAH HONG

FORMER chief of general staff Ehud Barak has decided to forego jumping into the Labor political fray, and will enter the business world instead.

Barak is to be involved in the Lahat-Lev investment company's newly announced international fund for investments in Israel, which hopes to raise \$100 million. Lahat-Lev is managed by former Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat and Ezra Lev.

The management of the new fund is to include Barak, Lahat-Lev, and businessman Muzi Wertheim, president of the Central Bottling Co., the local Coca Cola franchisee and one of the controlling shareholders in the United Mizrahi Bank.

Lahat-Lev is involved in investment banking, and plans are for most of the funds to be raised abroad, particularly in the US. Barak will help manage the fund through a private company he runs, according to a press release issued by Lahat-Lev yesterday.

There was some disappointment in the Labor Party, since Barak's joining Labor was seen as a way to improve the party's morale and its public image.

For the last few days, however, many in Labor anticipated that Barak would be deterred by the declining party fortunes, particularly in light of the Histadrut corruption investigations.

"Barak doesn't want to put his healthy head in the very sick Labor bed," a source close to Rabin said yesterday.

Barak, who is studying in the US, resigned from the IDF only last week, cutting short a year's paid leave to which he was entitled. It was widely assumed that he did this to start the mandatory 100-day cooling off period required before he could enter politics, which will end in mid-June.

Some last night were taking consolation in the fact that Barak's decision is reversible. He could still join Labor in the summer if he chooses. It was further noted that Barak has several months to register as a candidate in the next Labor primaries for Knesset candidates.

Therefore, it was said in Labor yesterday, his apparent preference for a business career right now does not mean he will never join Labor, but might do so if the party's fortunes improve.

A source close to Barak maintained last night that the former chief of staff is still destined for a political career. The source said international business and finance is "something he [Barak] was always interested in, but it is no substitute for his political ambitions."

The source added: "...If [Prime Minister and Defense Minister Yitzhak] Rabin offers him the defense ministry or another senior portfolio, he would accept it."

Alon Pinkas contributed to this report.

Likud demands state probe into Histadrut allegations

SARAH HONG

THE Likud secretariat yesterday demanded the establishment of a state commission of inquiry to look into "the illegal use of Histadrut funds to finance Labor party operations and electioneering."

The party also condemned "the latest concessions of the Rabin government to the PLO."

In its session yesterday, the secretariat called for "an official investigation into the financial connection between Labor and the Histadrut, in order to eradicate the notorious 'system' that had been in operation for many decades and which had turned the Histadrut into the Labor party's treasury."

MKs Dan Tichon and Yehoshua Matza predicted at the meeting that at the very least, the commission would find breaches of the party financing law of such scope that the Labor Party would be subjected to extremely heavy fines.

In its official statement, the secretariat also took the government to task "for having learned absolutely nothing from its sorry contacts with the PLO, and from the Gaza test which it failed so miserably."

"Through its dangerous policies this government is surrounding the entire state of Israel with terrorist bases, Hamas hotbeds and hideouts for mass murderers," the statement continued. "This government is turning the citizens of Israel into guinea pigs for its reckless experimentation and irresponsible promises."

ARAFAT

goodwill, at one point Peres called Arafat *rais*, Arabic for president.

Arafat thanked him for calling him *rais* for the first time. Peres said that "officially the title of Mr. Arafat in the Arabic language is *rais*, in Hebrew it is *yeshuv rosh* [chairman]. We have difficulties only in English. When it comes to Hebrew and Arabic, there are no problems."

Peres said that the policy of separation, invoked by the government in response to recent suicide bombings, did not mean physical separation. "We are talking about cooperation in the economic domain, but a political separation," said.

Two new committees are to be established: a joint security committee headed by Maj. Gen. Uzi Dayan and Gen. Abdel-Razek Yihye, which will meet weekly "to deal with overall security issues," and a committee headed by Qreia and Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir "to deal with issues of a civilian nature."

A four-party meeting of US, Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinians will also meet to discuss common economic issues, Peres said.

Peres also reaffirmed that there would be "no more settlements, no more land will be confiscated for settlements or enlargement of settlements. No public or government money will be used to build houses in the settlements."

A senior Clinton administration official welcomed the agreement as a "package," noting there are "political" advances for Palestinians and "security" advances for Israel.

Arafat adviser Ahmed Tibi, however, said last night that "there was no breakthrough, because there was no progress on elections and redeployment. The only progress was in marginal issues. However, the atmosphere was good, and I hope that this will lead to progress on the important substantive issues."

"Courageous decisions need to be made, and the PA is showing determination to maintain law and order," Tibi said.

Lebanese will don yellow ribbons for Litani anniversary

DAVID RUDGE

LEBANESE authorities are planning massive demonstrations next week to mark the anniversary of the 1978 Litani Operation and to press Israel to withdraw from the security zone.

Residents throughout the country are also being urged to wear yellow ribbons on their arms as a mark of solidarity with Lebanese and Palestinians being held prisoner in Israel and in the El Khaymra jail inside the security zone, Lebanese newspapers reported yesterday.

The demonstrations and the yellow ribbon campaign are being organized by Lebanese parliament speaker Nabih Berri, who is also leader of the pro-Syrian Amal Shi'ite movement.

The government announced yesterday that on Tuesday it would hold a special session at Nabatiya, north of the security zone, to show solidarity with residents of the south.

The newspapers quoted Lebanese officials as saying that the aim was to press for Israel's withdrawal from the security zone, in line with UN Security Council Resolution 425, which calls for the removal of foreign forces from Lebanon.

Meanwhile, residents of the security zone have appealed to UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali to pressure the Lebanese government to cease what they described as harassment of zone inhabitants when they travel to other parts of Lebanon.

A petition sent to Ghali via UNFIL stressed that they were not collaborators but rather Lebanese patriots, and that the Lebanese government was responsible for Syria and Israel occupying Lebanese land.

They also reiterated their demands that Hizbullah should be disarmed and dismantled, saying that the Islamic fundamentalists were not serving the interests of Lebanon.

This atmosphere in south Lebanon remained tense yesterday after Hizbullah gunmen attacked IDF and South Lebanese Army positions in the eastern sector of the zone with mortars and machine-gun fire.

There were no casualties, and IDF and SLA gunmen returned fire.

Reports from Lebanon said five Lebanese civilians from the same family were wounded in Sawana village, north of the zone, as a result of IDF and SLA retaliatory shelling.

SHMULEVITZ

(Continued from Page One)

Deri's attorneys, and his entire testimony would be inadmissible if the defense is not allowed to complete its questioning.

During two days of feverish negotiations, the Swiss refused to back down. However, they did agree to allow Shmulevitz to return once they were done with him - probably around April 12 or 13. This would mean Shmulevitz's testimony could resume after the Pessah recess.

The state therefore asked the court to postpone the rest of Shmulevitz's testimony until then. Judges Ya'acov Zemah, Miriam Naor and Mousisa Arad will rule on the request Sunday morning. The Swiss have agreed to let Shmulevitz stay until the court releases him, even though he should have been returned yesterday.

The court is expected to grant the state's request, despite the defense's objections.

Shmulevitz's return to Switzerland was made possible when the High Court of Justice yesterday rejected his petition against it. Shmulevitz had argued that under Israeli law, no Israeli citizen can be extradited unless the crime in question was committed before he became a citizen.

The state, however, argued that this was not an extradition, because it was Israel, rather than Switzerland, which made the request for his transfer in the first place. If the Swiss had not agreed to the loan, Shmulevitz would not be here - and they agreed only on the condition that he be returned in six weeks.

His return to Switzerland was of crucial importance to the state, because Israel's credibility and ability to receive legal assistance from other countries in the future.

Since the Swiss had not yet agreed to reloan Shmulevitz when the hearing took place, the state was concerned that returning him now would damage the Deri case. However, it hoped that a High Court ruling permitting his return would soften Switzerland's position.

Justices Theodor Orr, Yitzhak Zamir and Dalia Dorner will give their reasons for rejecting the petition at a later date. However, their thinking was clear from their comments during the hearing.

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Elderly man remanded for allegedly murdering sick wife

AN elderly man who on Wednesday allegedly murdered his wife, an Alzheimer's victim, and then tried to kill himself, was remanded yesterday until Monday by a Kfar Sava Magistrate's Court judge.

Yosef Greenbaum, 72, was admitted to Meir Hospital after his suicide attempt, and the remand hearing was held there by Judge Yehuda Fargo.

Journalists were not permitted in the hospital room. But according to the court record, Greenbaum gave the judge and the police a detailed account of the planning and implementation of the murder.

"From the investigation it emerges that the act was

planned," Fargo said. "We cannot ignore the fact that at this point, there is evidence of alleged murder."

He added that instances of "mercy killing" of this type have become more common recently, "and the court cannot take the committing of such acts lightly. The court must relate to these acts, at least for remand purposes, as acts of murder."

But Fargo refused a police request to remand Greenbaum for 15 days, citing the emotional state of the suspect, who was described by the hospital's chief psychiatrist as suffering from depression. He will undergo further psychiatric evaluations next week.

Greenbaum told the court that he had been caring at home for his wife Haya, who was 61, for over eight years. About three weeks ago he had to place her in an institution, and became increasingly depressed by her deteriorating condition.

He said he collected several pills that he was taking and on Wednesday, took his wife out for a walk on the grounds of the institution. At one point they sat down on a bench, where he gave her the pills, and then put a plastic bag over her head and suffocated her. He then tried to suffocate himself with a bag but was stopped by a passing nurse. (Itim)

Babysitter remanded in poisoning of toddlers

THE remand of Hani Graiber, 32, of Rehovot, the babysitter suspected of giving anti-depressants to children she was watching, was remanded for an additional 10 days by Rehovot Magistrate's Court yesterday. During that time she will be psychiatrically evaluated.

Graiber was arrested Wednesday, after the mother of a two-year-old she was watching noticed he had severe stomach pains, and brought him to Rehovot's Kaplan Hospital. Poisoning was immediately suspected, and the boy - who at one point stopped breathing - was successfully treated. (Itim)

Bill would lift 46 year state of emergency

EVELYN GORDON

ISRAEL would finally emerge from its 46-year-old state of emergency, under a bill partially approved by the Knesset Law Committee yesterday.

The entire bill - called the Basic Law: Legislation - provides an overall framework for the passage of legislation. It will require another three or four committee sessions to complete, according to committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz). It will then be sent to the plenum for its final readings.

The section approved yesterday, however, stipulates that a state of emergency can be declared only by the government with the Knesset's approval, and then only for a period of three months. The bill also lays down guidelines for when a given situation - related to security, the economy, or a natural disaster - merits the declaration of a state of

emergency. "We have essentially been in a state of emergency since the establishment of the state," Zucker said. "So this is very significant. Very, very significant."

If the law passed, it would nullify many of the emergency regulations now in force, and would therefore, Zucker said, lead to an improvement in the upholding of human rights.

However, many of the most serious limitations on human rights, such as the right to hold someone in jail for a time without access to a lawyer, are products of the 1945 Emergency Defense Regulations - and these, Zucker said, would not be invalidated by the new law.

So far, the government-sponsored bill has received broad support from all parties in the committee - even the religious parties, Zucker said.

Former policeman believed behind plot to kill Russian businessmen

RAINE MARCUS

TEL AVIV detectives believe a former Israeli policeman and debt collector living in Russia commissioned the murder of three or more Russian businessmen living here, a police source said yesterday.

Private detectives Amir Ben-Asher and Ya'acov Bak, suspected of hiring a hit man to murder Moshe Haimov, Anton Malevsky and Michael Charney were remanded for 15 days by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The man police believe is involved in the murder plot owned a debt collection agency here before leaving for Russia several years ago.

Ben-Asher worked with him, collecting debts for the Russian Mafia, and even visited Russia recently.

However, police also believe that the man simply acted as an intermediary and was commissioned by another individual, higher up in the hierarchy of the Russian Mafia, and well known here. They are also investigating whether other European residents were involved in the plot, which has caused a stir among local private investigators.

"We can deal with allegations of wiretapping offenses and other irregularities," said one private investigator. "But murder? This does not add to our already deteriorating reputation. We are in shock."

Ben-Asher, 45, and Bak, 55, both former IDF officers, allegedly hired a criminal - publication of whose name has been banned for his own protection - to murder businessmen in return for some \$100,000. A bonus was promised them if additional murders were carried out, said a police source.

The proposed hit man has signed an agreement with the District Attorney's Office to turn state's evidence.

Tens of thousands of shekels were



Private investigators Amir Ben-Asher (right) and Ya'acov Bak (left) at Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday, where they were remanded for allegedly hiring a hit man to murder Russian businessmen living here.

(Alon Ron/Israel Sun)

found at Ben-Asher's Tel Aviv home, and police found seven pistols at their homes, one equipped with a silencer, and two grenades. Haimov and Charney own trading companies and an apartment hotel.

Last night, Malevsky, who works for Haimov's Ramat Gan food company, Bon Bon, said he had no idea who ordered the murders and was unconnected with the Russian Ma-

fia. He said he had worked as a casino security guard in Russia.

The suspects' lawyers, Moshe Aloni, Eli Cohen, and Udi Dagan, emphatically denied all allegations. Aloni left for Eastern Europe yesterday, hoping to gather evidence to prove his client's innocence, he said.

But Ben-Asher and Bak, who have been arrested in the past in connection with the wiretapping

case involving Ma'ariv and Yediot Aharonot, are refusing to cooperate with investigators.

According to police representative Alain Avshalom, the pair gave the hit man a pistol and silencer to be used in committing the murders. They also provided him with photographs of the intended victims and had conducted professional surveillance of them, said Avshalom.

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Some 10 suspects were arrested, the IDF Spokesman confirmed. Searches also uncovered five stolen cars, an old English-issue gun, 500 IDF-issue bullets, and a crate of machine-gun bullets.

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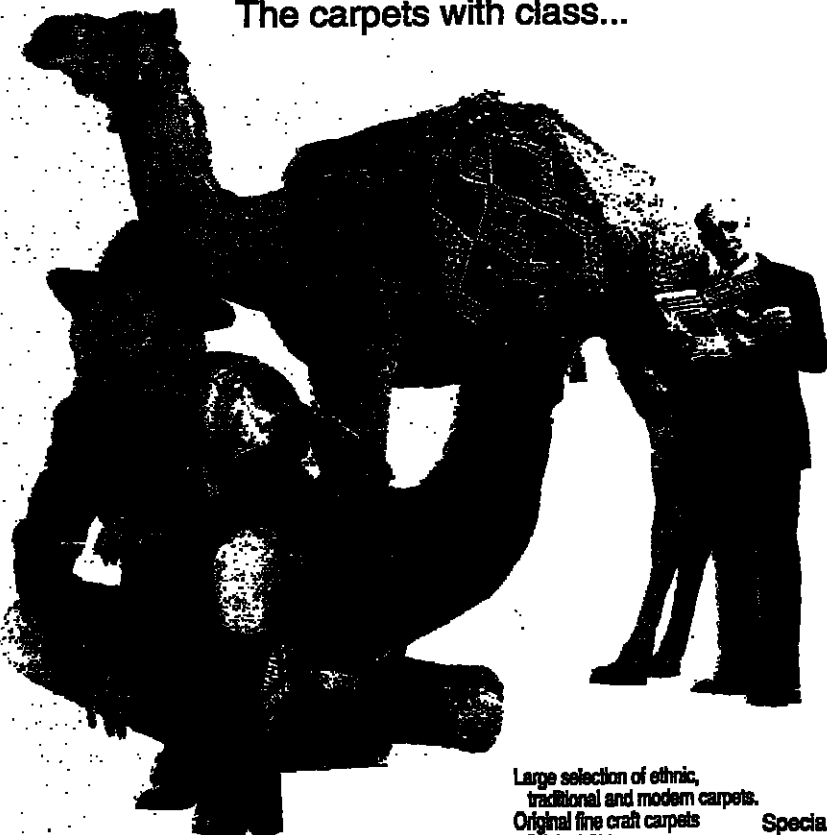
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(Yediot Aharonot, 27.1.1995)

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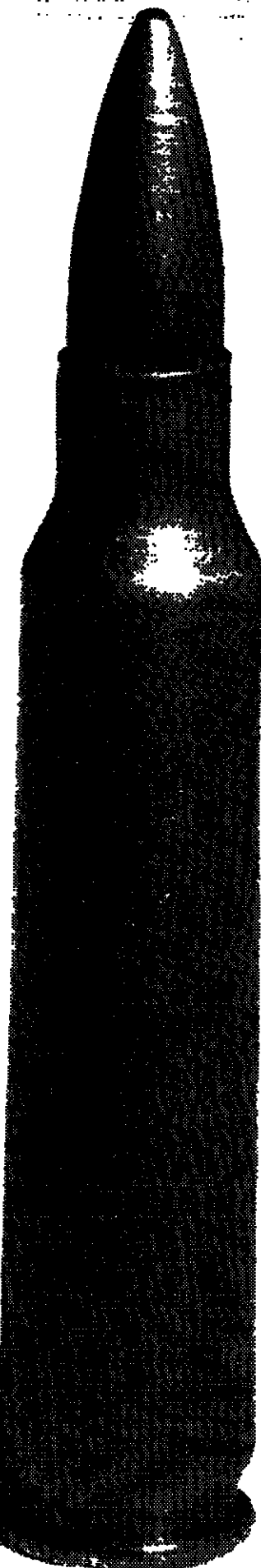
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Agreement to withdraw

THE agreement reached by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PA Chairman Yasser Arafat on a deadline for the implementation of the next phase of the Declaration of Principles is impressive. Until now, the government has been reluctant to commit itself to a date, because it felt the evacuation of Arab population centers in the territories might create "more Gazas" - launching pads for terrorists. Indeed, had the past weeks not been free of major terrorist attacks, Peres could not have made yesterday's commitment. In fact, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has made it clear that if terrorist activities resume, the July 1 deadline will not be honored.

That there has been no major terrorism since the Beit Lid massacre is clearly not due to action taken by Arafat. Aside from a few ostentatious arrests, the Palestinian Authority has done nothing against Hamas and Islamic Jihad. It is far more likely that these Islamic militants, who have been acting as the vanguard of the "armed struggle," have realized that they have overplayed their hand.

What motivates terrorist actions is the notion that bloodshed will persuade the public in an open society to press for an accelerated pace of withdrawal and concessions to avoid further

casualties. Had Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin had his way, and Israel decided to go into the discussions on the final status after the Beit Lid incident, the terrorists would have indeed achieved their goal.

It was Rabin's insistence on freezing the process until Arafat showed signs of combating the terrorists which made the Palestinians realize the killings were becoming counterproductive. Clearly, the Islamic groups are just as eager as the PLO to see Israel withdraw from Judea and Samaria, and they may even be willing to stop the killings, if the lull will hasten such a withdrawal.

Rabin's insistence on step-by-step progress has proved effective, at least in the short run. But sooner or later he will inevitably reach a point in which Arab demands will exceed what he can concede. If he is sincere in his insistence on keeping Jerusalem united under Israeli sovereignty, or if he intends to keep even some of the Jewish towns in Judea, Samaria, and the Jordan Valley under Israeli control, he will face uncompromising all-Arab opposition. At that time, terrorism will again become the Palestinians' weapon of choice, and it will be used by a PLO-Hamas alliance far better positioned than it is today.

Killing women's liberation

IN the general struggle for human rights, the drive for women's equality is perhaps the most important. This is not only because there is almost no society in which women truly enjoy equal rights, nor merely because the oppression of women affects half the human race; but because fairness to women is a prime test of true liberalism. It is impossible to imagine a society that oppresses women yet treats ethnic minorities well. Nor is anyone more vulnerable to the aggressive impulses that produce discrimination, persecution and intolerance than women. And though the feminist slogan "women are the niggers of the world" may be like most slogans - too sweeping, it is accurate.

It is, then, the sacred duty of all believers in morality and fundamental decency to support women's liberation. The removal of all manifestations of inequality, unfairness, oppression and discrimination should be the goal of all enlightened societies.

It is also clear that the struggle for women's rights cannot be won without organized action, which must often be militant. Neither the consciousness of men nor the general human proclivity for resisting change can be changed by passive discourse. Demonstrations, strikes, vigils, petitions and lobbying are the necessary democratic means that have enabled women to make important strides in their struggle.

But an organized struggle has its pitfalls. Among its activists there are always those who have another agenda, and they are often the ones with the most zeal, perseverance and drive. This has been true of human rights activists, environmentalists, and various fighters for social justice. Now it is true of women liberationists. The movement's "Netorei Karta" afflict the "sisterhood" with the odium of alien interests that have nothing to do with the advancement of women's interests.

This affliction takes two main forms. The first, felt mostly in the US, is a belligerent, anti-male, anti-family militancy, essentially anar-

chistic and anti-establishment. It is a natural growth of the mindless 1960s, when rebellion was an end in itself. And while its advocates talk of greater freedom for women, they wield the whip of "political correctness" with totalitarian zeal.

In Israel the impact of this kind of feminism is insignificant. But the women's movement in this country shows signs of being taken over by super-dovish, ultra-leftist activists on behalf of Israeli withdrawal and a PLO state. To realize this, one need go no further than the choice of the keynote speaker and award winners at the Israel Women's Network (IWN) celebration of International Women's Day on Wednesday.

The keynote address was delivered by Lety Cottin Pogrebin, an American pro-PLO activist who is demonstrating today with Israeli and Arab women against the Rabin government. They are protesting the building of homes in Jewish towns in Judea and the government's "foot-dragging" in implementing the Oslo agreement.

Of the five award-winners, none is identified with the center or right of the political map. One of them, Israeli citizen Nahila Espanoli, not only refuses to be identified as an Israeli Arab. She is reported to have said - referring to Israel, not the territories - "I am a Palestinian Arab living under an occupation regime. That is why, as an act of protest, I shall not speak Hebrew, although I know the language, but English."

The IWN prides itself on being non-partisan. Indeed, it counts among its membership some Likud Knesset members and other activists on the right. But these rightists are being marginalized, relegated to the role of a fig leaf. Like so many worthy causes, the women's cause in Israel is being captured by pro-PLO extremists on the left.

Which is a pity. Equality for women is too important an issue to be sacrificed for the sake of such a paragon of justice and enlightenment as the PLO.



Displaced persons in focus

SHLOMO GAZIT

ISRAEL is now considering the line it will take in talks on Palestinians displaced in the Six Day War. The first Israeli-Arab meeting on the issue was held in Amman this week.

Four categories of displaced persons are under consideration:

● residents of the territories who fled to the East Bank with the retreating Jordanian army;

● residents who moved east of the Jordan River in the second half of 1967. Most of these were women, children and old people joining family members on the East Bank (and a few in Egypt) whose return to the West Bank and Gaza Strip the IDF prevented;

● residents who were working, studying or otherwise away from their homes when IDF forces occupied the area;

● residents who left the area in subsequent years, but missed the return deadline stated on their exit permits and have since been prevented from returning.

The exact number of these displaced persons is unknown. There is a list of those in the first two categories, totaling almost 300,000 people. Assuming natural increase over 28 years, that number has likely doubled.

Since, however, the civil administration permitted the controlled return of some people under the family reunion scheme during those years, it is reasonable to assume that the number of displaced persons in the other two categories was somewhat reduced.

What is at issue here isn't the return of these people to Israel proper (except for East Jerusalem). What they want is to return to their families, homes and properties in the West Bank or Gaza Strip.

SO MUCH for the facts. Now for the policy.

The principle proposed for the Israeli position is simple: Israel does not object to displaced per-

sons belonging to the above four categories returning to the West Bank and Gaza.

But the ability of these two areas to absorb some 600,000 displaced persons is in serious question. From the point of view of the economy and the existing infrastructure (homes, schools, hospitals, clinics, etc.) we would be talking about an increase of more than 30 percent over the current population.

However, this is a matter for the Palestinian Authority, and not the Israeli government, to decide. And if Chairman Arafat wants to prevent a socio-economic disaster in the autonomy and among the population, he will make the difficult decision and

refuse to readmit the displaced persons.

Let's not make his work any easier by giving him the convenient excuse that it is Israel who is stopping them returning.

It is proposed that Israel reject the return of two categories of persons: (obviously) those listed as involved in terrorist activity - presumably only a few hundred - and displaced persons connected to aspects of the permanent is-

raeli-Palestinian settlement, which is to be raised in the next stage of discussions and resolved only after five years of the interim stage.

This latter category contains three types of displaced persons: ● those from East Jerusalem. These are Palestinians who were residents of the city and want to return to an area now under Israeli sovereign rule.

There would seem to be no question of Israel agreeing to Arabs or anyone else determining whether to allow this, whom to admit, and to what extent such persons may be permitted to return to our territory.

● A not inconsiderable number of the displaced persons are refu-

gees from 1948, who moved out of refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza (especially those around Jericho).

Israel must insist that their fate be determined in the final-status talks, together with the fate of all the 1948 refugees. There is no point in allowing them simply to exchange refugee camps on the East Bank for new camps set up on the West Bank.

● Displaced persons from 1967, whose lands have, over the years, been handed over for Jewish settlement, or to serve the IDF. Though we are talking about limited areas only, there is no point in opening up problems like the future of the settlements or the location of IDF installations, which are final-status issues, by allowing the return of these people now.

In crystallizing Israel's policy, the most important thing is to understand that we have embarked upon a process, and are no longer "landlords" in the Gaza Strip or even in the West Bank. Thus we do not bear administrative responsibility for the future of these territories.

In discussing the return of Palestinians displaced in 1967, Israel must not get bogged down in considerations which are beyond its own direct and immediate security interests.

The writer, a former head of IDF Intelligence, is a senior research fellow at the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, Tel Aviv University.

Do you see a hero, or a sucker?

STEVE RODAN

A funny thing happened along the Egyptian border recently.

Two senior IDF commanders drove by discussing security when they saw a lonely Egyptian position on a ridge in Sinai.

One of them complained that the Egyptian border guards - under the peace treaty with Israel, soldiers are not permitted along the border - are the worst of the Egyptian armed forces. They have little training or education, and do not appear motivated to stop cross-border terrorism or smuggling.

He pointed to the Egyptian position. "Look at that," he said. "There's no running water or electricity there. They're just given a sack of flour and told to sit there. Who but the biggest sack would do that?"

The other commander quietly disagreed. The border guards are not the best in Egypt's armed forces, he said, but don't forget the difficult conditions they have to endure. "They sit there for months on end, and despite it all, stay on the job and don't defect. If those aren't disciplined men, I don't know who are."

Two commanders, serving in the same sector, with access to the same data, hold differing assessments. This reflects their backgrounds, as much as their powers of analysis.

The one disparaging the Egyptian border guards is Jewish. He is typical of many career officers who rose in rank during the 1980s - a secular Jew, around 40, raised in a middle-income setting. He is bright, thoroughly Western, with virtually no knowledge of or contact with the Arabic language and culture.

The one who expressed admiration for the border guards is Druse. As a member of a small minority intent on advancing in a military dominated by Jews, he has learned to keep his eyes and ears open and his mouth shut. His Arabic is fluent, and he keeps track of distant relatives in Lebanon and Syria.

The annual IDF military intelligence assessment, released to the cabinet this week, brought this exchange between the two commanders to mind.

How seriously can we take army forecasts concerning the prospects of war? How authoritative is the reading of Arab leaders by those who draft the annual assessment, regarded as the bible of the intelligence community?

The answer is unsettling. IDF intelligence failed to forecast the Yom Kippur War. That is com-

monly attributed to the belief that "the Arabs would never attack a militarily superior Israel."

But intelligence also failed to predict the Six Day War, and for the same reason. Then, Egyptian president Gamal Abdel Nasser was reeling from a drawn-out military campaign in Yemen. He was regarded as weak at home. The conclusion was that he would have to be crazy to launch a new adventure, such as a war with Israel.

lieved were harsh political and economic constraints.

Where the intelligence community saw insane Arab behavior, the Arabs saw courage. What IDF intelligence regarded as meaningless Arab rhetoric was in reality Arab mental preparation for a new round of hostilities: witness Saddam Hussein's hopeless battle against the West.

Of course, the Israeli intelligence community has a better record than most. The CIA failed to predict the fall of the Soviet

Union, not to mention virtually every major development in the Middle East.

A major US intelligence publication last year analyzed the CIA failures in an article on the 1962 Bay of Pigs fiasco. The conclusion: The CIA's failure was based on trying to understand Fidel Castro and Cuba through an American mindset. Had Castro been born and raised in Wichita, the CIA would have been wildly successful.

Israel's intelligence failures can be explained in the same kind of way. The intelligence community was completely confident that Syrian President Assad, given the loss of his Soviet ally,

would have no choice but to make peace.

Today, intelligence analysts are expressing their doubts. Assad hasn't budged from his stand that Israel must commit itself to total withdrawal from the Golan Heights, before Damascus discusses its definition of peace.

The IDF intelligence community is now convinced that PLO chief Yasser Arafat has no choice but to continue the peace process. Last year, the same analysts predicted that he would throttle Hamas and seize all unlicensed weapons in Gaza. It never happened, and is no longer expected to. Therein lies the difference in approach.

When that Jewish commander, ignorant of the Arab language, Arab people, and the Koran, looked at the lonely Egyptian border guard, he was struck by the contrast to Israeli reservists, driving to their posts with portable phones in their new Mitsubishi. His conclusion: The Egyptian is a sucker.

The Druse commander saw the same border guard and was struck by his simple belief in his country, in the discipline ground into him by a life dominated by family and the Koran. He saw a hero.

It would be nice if all this was just a mental exercise. The problem is that bridging the gap between contrasting attitudes could be crucial in determining the fate of this country.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

US INCOME TAX

Sir, - In our letter of February 10, regarding US Income Tax, two incorrect statements were regrettably made. The facts are as follows:

1. The US Israel reciprocal tax treaty will only apply for income tax purposes as of 1995 and not 1994.
2. All US citizens abroad have until June 15 to file their previous year's income, regardless from where that income was derived, and not April 15. We regret these erroneous statements.

DAVID FROELICH,
Secretary,
Democrats Abroad (Israel)
Rehovot.

THE BANNING OF THE 'POST'

Sir, - It is generally accepted by all, except possibly the BBC and some of our neighbors, that aside from Israel, there are no democracies in the Middle East. Therefore your indignation and agitation at the undemocratic Egyptian banning of the Post puzzles me.

In addition, I feel that in recent years, your newspaper has effectively banned evenhandedness, reasonableness and objectivity in favor of humorless and mean-spirited cant and vituperation. Therefore, as soul-mates, you should in fact have some little sympathy and understanding of the banning.

More power to your prejudices.
JULIUS ROWEN
Ramat Hasharon.

ISRAEL AND THE NPT

Sir, - The upcoming Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Conference in April in New York provides a unique opportunity for the international community to push the five known nuclear powers towards a commitment to the total abolition of nuclear weapons within an agreed time frame. We believe that such a commitment is a key to the future survival of mankind.

The Israel Association of Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War supports the Stockholm Declaration for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons by the Year 2000, recently issued by the Board of Directors of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), winner of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize.

We oppose an indefinite and unconditional extension of the NPT, which would lessen pressure on the existing nuclear weapons states to live up to their nuclear disarmament obligation under Article VI of the original NPT.

We support a limited extension of the NPT, which should include a firm commitment by the nuclear weapons states to start immediate negotiations for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

We call upon the Israeli government to join the NPT, as a first step towards the creation of a nuclear-weapons-free zone in the Middle East. This is the only way, in the final analysis, to prevent a nuclear holocaust in the area.

Senior Israeli authorities estimate that either Iran or Iraq may gain a nuclear potential within the next five to 10 years. If Israel continues to refrain from joining the NPT, what is to prevent Syria and Egypt from joining the nuclear arms race as well?

We realize that the NPT, as it is currently constituted, is inadequate in terms of its provisions for regulation and inspection. These flaws enabled Iraq to advance its nuclear program despite having signed the treaty. Therefore, we insist that reforms be introduced at the forthcoming NPT conference which will ensure adequate regulation and inspection procedures.

If the NPT will not be renewed, the region and the world will open themselves to a potentially dangerous and destructive chaos.

Prof. ERNESTO KAHAN, Chairman
HILLEL SCHENKER, Spokesperson
Israel Association of Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
Tel Aviv.

NOISE POLLUTION

Sir, - I was delighted to read a report in your issue of February 24 describing a new car-tracking device devised to reduce car thefts.

Perhaps this will lead to a reduction in noise-polluting car alarms that go off at all hours of the day and night to the apparent indifference of the owners.
RON LERNER
Karmiel.

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A well-meant reform

WHEN the Knesset passed the law for direct election of the prime minister in 1992, the reform was hailed as a major breakthrough intended to make the political system more democratic and responsive.

No longer, the reformers argued, would small haredi parties and their rabbinical leaders be able to decide who the country's next prime minister would be. The political blackmail these parties were able to practice because of their pivotal place in parliamentary life would be at an end. The people, and not some quaint and esoteric rabbis who are unaccountable to the public, would decide on the kind of government Israel would have.

But as with many well-intentioned reforms, the consequences may be the exact opposite of those expected, enhancing the already disproportionate power enjoyed by the small religious parties.

In the 1996 election, if two candidates (presumably Yitzhak Rabin and Benjamin Netanyahu) compete, each, to be elected, will need to garner support outside the 30 to 35 percent guaranteed within his own camp.

To whom will they turn? Obviously to the 15 percent of the electorate who traditionally vote for religious parties. For without sizable support from the religious parties, no candidate, from the right or the left, can chalk up the necessary majority.

The same would apply if there were more than two candidates and there was need for a run-off election, if no candidate achieved

SHLOMO AVINERI

the required majority in the first round.

THE RELIGIOUS voter will be the key voter in the next election. If, under the current system, coalition negotiations after the

Direct election of the prime minister is a cure that's worse than the disease

elections have depended on deals — some quite unsavory — with the haredi parties, under the new system the same thing will happen, only before the elections, and with a vengeance.

Addressing the religious voter will thus be the main task of the two contenders, and pilgrimages to the seats of rabbis and hassidic rebbes will be the most crucial and visible electoral strategy.

In such a campaign climate, with everything at stake, which of the two main candidates would dare oppose religious demands — whether on matters of kashrut, Shabbat legislation, "Who is a Jew?" or other issues? Both will obviously try to outbid each other in their real or presumed religiosity or "respect for religion."

The reformers of 1992 thought that 15 percent of the electorate could be engineered out of the decision-making process. But there is no way of doing it; nor should such a significant minority be marginalized. The absurdity is that an attempt to diminish the

already disproportionate power of this minority gave us a reform which is going to maximize that power.

Moreover, because parallel parliamentary elections will continue to take place under the existing system, we may be faced with a situation in which party A wins the prime ministership, while party B emerges as the largest in the Knesset. This will make for stalemate. It will certainly not enhance the power of the prime minister.

It may also, for the first time in Israel's political history, confront the country with a constitutional crisis.

Israel has had experience with numerous coalition crises, and they were all solvable — perhaps at excessive cost. But the country has never faced a crisis of the system, a constitutional crisis.

The cure, obviously, is worse than the disease.

But all this can still be averted. The reform law should be suspended, and a serious public and parliamentary debate needs to take place.

Our system does need reform — a measured and incremental one (for example, raising the electoral threshold, moving to a mixed proportional/majoritarian system etc.).

What it does not need is a quick fix, undertaken under populist and sometimes demagogic pressure, when the consequences for the stability and functioning of Israel's democratic system may be catastrophic.

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The university: A men's club

JON SIMONS

There are several reasons why a university should dispense, temporarily or permanently, with the services of a known wife-batterer.

The point isn't that it should

The message seems to be: Women's bodies matter, not their minds. Insulting them isn't serious

demand higher moral standards from its academic faculty than apply to other people; nor that it should take it upon itself to punish moral offenses over and above or instead of penalties imposed by the courts.

The real question is about gender relations within a university as an institution of learning and research.

ONE OF the most stubborn prejudices about women is that they are less intellectually able than men. It took more than a little effort to have women admitted to universities, which not that long ago had been all-male domains. But winning the right to higher education has not erased conscious and unconscious prejudices about women's academic abilities.

Beliefs in the intellectual inferiority of women make for a par-

will hopes that as more women join the faculty, the problem will solve itself.

The question is rather: How are more women to become faculty members if this unofficial and often unconscious discrimination isn't rooted out?

Universities, which claim to be egalitarian institutions, need to do their utmost to correct and counterbalance any demeaning attitudes to women. They must deal seriously with all forms of harassment, the medium of this sexist message.

It is highly regrettable that the university didn't deal more resolutely with the previous cases involving Tzemah, when he made his attitude to women clear in ways which clearly concerned the university, and did adversely affect the value of his teaching.

Perhaps the university can repair the impression it gave then, that it doesn't take misogyny seriously, by deciding that Tzemah is not a suitable person to be teaching in an egalitarian institution.

In the absence of any action, or even serious discussion of the issue, the university will continue to convey the message that its faculty remains a predominantly men's club.

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Let us erase this shame

YOSEF GOELL

ON the walls of the Holocaust museum in Washington is a quote from Adolf Hitler: "Who today remembers the massacre of the Armenian people?"

Hitler was trying to reassure his hesitant Wehrmacht generals and other officials, who were somewhat uneasy over the possible international repercussions of the planned mass killing of the Jews.

His allusion to the massacre of well over one million Armenians by the Ottoman Turks in 1915 suggested that just as that mass murder had been accepted by the "civilized" world, so would it shrug off the mass killing of Jews.

That quotation is the best reason why Israel and the Jewish people must remember the Armenian genocide, whose 80th anniversary will be marked next month.

Instead, to our shame, governmental bodies — from the Foreign Ministry to the Education Ministry to Yad Vashem — have done everything in their power to prevent our schoolchildren from learning about this precursor to our own Holocaust, and our public from viewing TV documentaries on the subject.

At a recent study session at Jerusalem's Van Leer Institute, it was noted that 15 years ago, political pressure was successful in banning a relatively innocuous Israeli TV documentary on the population of the Armenian Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City. Four years ago, the Foreign Ministry was instrumental in quashing another Israeli TV documentary on the Armenian massacre.

At about the same time, the Israeli Embassy in Washington used its influence with the US

government and with the Jewish community to prevent the US from officially recognizing the Armenian tragedy, as it had earlier recognized the Jewish Holocaust.

An elective pilot program for

Young people must be taught about the Armenian genocide

seven upper-grade high school classes, based on a syllabus prepared by historian Dr. Yair Oron and titled *Sensitivity to the Suffering of the World: Genocide in the 20th Century* was supposed to go into effect this spring, with enthusiastic Ministry of Education support. Instead, it was killed at the last minute by the ministry's professional committee on the teaching of history, which found it was not sufficiently rigorous from a professional historical viewpoint, and was woefully unbalanced.

I HAVE read Oron's book, and there is some merit to the committee's criticism. There is certainly room for a major revision — but not for the outright killing of an entire pilot program.

What worries me is that the committee of learned historians, so strict in their criteria, haven't managed to come up with their own "historically rigorous" treatment of one of the most important historical phenomena of this century.

Even more worrisome is a remark by one committee member, Prof. Aharon Shai, which may

explain that failure. "The aim of the program," said Shai, "is to teach sensitivity to suffering in the world."

I cannot accept that as being a legitimate aim of teaching history. We are not in the business of fostering sensitivities, but of teaching. Educating youngsters in values and toward taking stands is the province of youth movements and other informal social settings.

Another historian, Dr. Yitzhak Kerem, who is not a member of the committee, took issue (*The Jerusalem Post*, February 20) with several Armenian claims concerning the magnitude and nature of what happened in 1915. He argues that the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Armenians wasn't part of any (Ottoman) government plan of annihilation.

That is probably true; but so what? What happened recently in Rwanda was also not part of any government plan. But if words have any meaning at all, both are cases of genocide, even if they weren't meticulously pre-planned.

Kerem's conclusion that "the Armenian massacre of 1915 cannot be equated with the Holocaust" is absolutely correct. But it is also the best argument for teaching a course such as the one proposed by Oron.

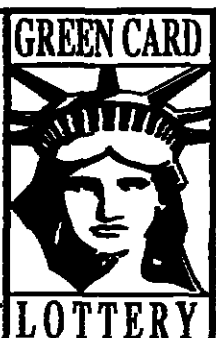
Equated, no; compared with, yes. If young Israelis do not learn to make intelligent comparisons, they will be prone to swallowing the kinds of enormities that equate the treatment of Palestinians in Gaza, and of blacks in the US, to the horrors of the Holocaust.

The writer comments on current affairs.

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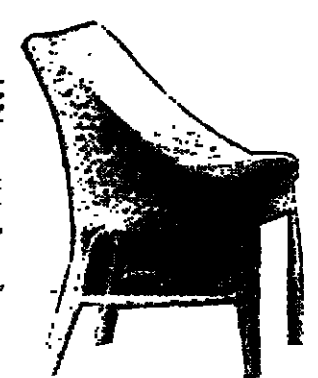
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Russia agrees to European Chechnya aid mission

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia agreed in principle yesterday to allow the biggest pan-European body to set up a permanent mission in Chechnya and pledged to seek a political settlement to the conflict there.

President Boris Yeltsin, meeting the three foreign ministers of the European Union's "troika", vowed to use political means to resolve the crisis in Chechnya, where thousands of Russian troops are fighting separatists.

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, speaking to reporters after the talks, said Russian leaders accepted the idea of a permanent presence there for the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, 12 weeks after Moscow sent troops to the territory.

"The Russian side in principle said they accept the idea of the OSCE (mission) in Chechnya, but we did not go into details," Kinkel said.

Foreign Minister Alain Juppe of France, the EU's current president, said that after agreement in principle the two sides were ready to discuss "details and a calendar".

He said the European Union respected Russia's sovereignty and territorial integrity but still hoped Moscow would find a peaceful solution to the conflict on its southern fringe.

"One shouldn't get the impression in Russia that we are trying to isolate the country," said former Dutch Foreign Minister Hans Van Den Broek, attending the talks as the EU's External Relations Commissioner.

"We have been trying for some time to intensify cooperation. We have signed agreements with them, (but) to formalise them at this point in time with the crisis going on... is difficult."

The 33-nation OSCE, grouping all European states and the

United States and Canada, has sent two missions to Chechnya since the beginning of the year.

The organisation condemned what it called the disproportionate use of force by Russia in Chechnya but backed the Russian Federation's current borders.

The three ministers flew to Moscow three days after EU foreign ministers postponed implementation of an interim trade agreement with Russia, citing human rights concerns in Chechnya.

They pledged before leaving their capitals to seek assurances from Moscow on access to the region for humanitarian organisations and its intention to open a political dialogue with its Chechen opponents.

Russia has been sensitive about international criticism of its operation in Chechnya, where at least 1,200 Russian servicemen and thousands more civilians have been killed.

Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev, one of the stoutest defenders of the intervention, expressed irritation at the delays in implementing agreements after meeting Kinkel.

Implementation of the interim accord was being "unjustifiably dragged out," by the EU, he said. Yeltsin's press office said the president assured the troika - representing the present, past and future EU presidents - that a political solution would be found.

The Kremlin leader told the three ministers that Russia was determined to "settle the Chechen crisis by political methods, establish democratic law in the Chechen republic and conduct free elections."

He also reaffirmed his commitment to democratic reforms and urged the EU to implement the trade agreement signed last year on the Greek island of Corfu.



Queen Elizabeth II with Armagh councillors before an official photograph is taken. (Reuters)

Queen visits Northern Ireland

ARMAGH (Reuters) - Without a single army uniform in sight, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II paid a visit to one of the bloodiest parts of her realm yesterday to stamp the royal approval on Northern Ireland's six-month ceasefire.

She smiled and chatted with Belfast crowds when she opened a bridge and highway complex and was equally at ease in Armagh, a city at the heart of what was once called "bandit country" because of a war against her rule.

The day-long visit, rich with symbolism for a 60 percent Protestant majority which is determinedly British, was conducted in an atmosphere more like a royal walkabout in rural England than to a province where 3,200 were killed in a 25-year war.

It appeared to underline a belief among British leaders that Northern Ireland might be at the start of a permanent peace after ceasefires by the IRA and its pro-British "loyalist" foes and an Anglo-Irish peace drive.

The IRA, which wants the province reunited with the Irish Republic from which it was severed seven decades ago, silenced its guns last September and was watched by loyalist gunmen.

Hundreds of police officers ringed the royal party and searched for explosives possibly planted by mavericks, but there was no sign of the 18,000-strong British army, which vanished from the streets after the truces.

Vietnam locates soldiers' mass grave

HANOI (AP) - The remains of 48 North Vietnamese soldiers killed during the 1968 Tet offensive have been found in a mass grave where they were buried by US and South Vietnamese troops, officials said yesterday.

The 48 were killed on March 4, 1968, while attacking a southern military post at Eakua, about 20 km southeast of the Da Nang provincial capital of Buoi Ma Thout, said Phung Nien Son. Son is director of the Department of Labor, War Invalids and Social Welfare.

He said local residents identified the site last week in response to a recent public appeal by provincial officials for information about Vietnamese missing in action.

More than 300,000 Communist fighters are listed as missing from the war, compared with 1,621 Americans still missing in Vietnam. The Vietnamese government has helped organize US-funded excavations to locate the remains of missing Americans in recent years, but says it cannot afford large-scale searches for its own missing.

Simpson defense unveils drug theory

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Faye Resnick said in her book that former US sports great O.J. Simpson is a murderer. Simpson hinted in his book that Resnick played a role in the slayings of his ex-wife and her friend.

Now, Simpson's attorneys have finally spelled out their "Faye's fault" theory: the killings were drug hits intended to send Resnick a message to pay her cocaine bills.

Although attorney Johnnie

Cochran Jr. offered no evidence, he spent much of the day aggressively questioning Detective Tom Lange about a possible drug connection. Cochran went so far as to say the murders may have had a drug lord's signature in the form of a "Colombian necklace," defined by Cochran as an ear-to-ear throat slash.

Lange insisted there were no signs that drugs were involved in the June 12 killings. He was to return to the stand yesterday.

UN agency cuts aid to Croatian Serbs

ZAGREB (AP) - The UN relief agency cut food aid yesterday to more than 100,000 needy Croatian Serbs and to rebel Bosnian Muslims because their leaders are obstructing efforts to feed hungry northwest Bosnia.

The assertive move by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees came after months in which military forces opposed to the Bosnian government have permitted only a trickle of food into the government-held Bihac area.

"The decision to cut aid was not easily brought, but the continued blockade by Croatia's Serbs to the desperately needy in Bihac left us no other choice," said UNHCR spokeswoman Alenka Lisinski at headquarters in Zagreb.

About 200,000 people are surrounded in government-held ter-

ritory in northwest Bosnia. Croatian Serbs control access from the north and west, and are allied with rebel Muslims under warlord Fikret Abdic, who control the north part of the Bihac pocket.

Access from the south and east is controlled by Bosnian Serbs. The main access roads for food aid from warehouses in Zagreb, about 75 km to the north, go through territory controlled by the Croatian Serbs and Abdic's forces.

Even under a four-month cease-fire agreement in effect until May 1, the Bihac area has been the site of regular fighting. Bosnian radio reported more fighting yesterday, and said Croatian Serb shelling had wounded a large number of civilians. UN of-

ficials, whose access is severely restricted, could not confirm the reports.

Aid officials have warned that there is a threat of starvation in the Bihac area because of the lack of food reaching it. Since May 1994, only 20 percent of the necessary food has reached the Bihac area, Lisinski said.

Americans offer \$2 million bounty for killers of US government workers

KARACHI (AP) - The United States yesterday sent an FBI team to Pakistan and offered a \$2 million bounty for information on the mystery gunmen who killed two American government workers and wounded a third.

Pakistani police patrolled the congested streets and searched for the killers, but did not announce any breakthroughs in a case that highlighted the run-away violence in this sprawling port city.

Seven people were killed yesterday in four separate drive-by shootings in central and east Karachi, police said. Most or all of the shootings were related to the sectarian violence between Sunni and Shiite Muslim groups, one of several running feuds in Karachi.

Despite a series of terrorist attacks in Karachi, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's government and the police have been unable to solve the killings or stop the carnage, and many residents have lost confidence in the authorities.

US Ambassador John Monjo insisted the FBI anti-terrorism squad would only be assisting, and not heading, the investigation into the deaths of Jackie van Landingham, 33, a secretary, and Gary C. Durell, 45, a communications technician.

"The terrorist murder of Americans overseas is also a crime under US law and the US government is empowered to pursue the perpetrators," Monjo told journalists assembled in the courtyard of the consulate.

The FBI and other American security officials "will not take over the investigation... but (will) lend whatever assistance we can," Monjo said.

In addition, the US is offering up to \$2 million for information leading to the arrest of the killers. A similar reward apparently inspired an informant to provide

tips last month that led to the arrest of Ramzi Yousef, accused of masterminding the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. Yousef was arrested in Islamabad, the capital, and immediately put on a plane to New York where he remains in custody.

There's been speculation - but no evidence - the shooting was revenge for Yousef's extradition, which was opposed by some Pakistani groups.

Pakistan's media also has suggested that the country's powerful drug mafia or militant Muslim groups are possible suspects.

The shooting, which took place as the Americans were being driven to the consulate, was similar to other recent terrorist attacks in Karachi, said Jameel Yusuf, co-chairman of the Citizens' Police Liaison Committee, a private group that works closely with police.

In several attacks, including recent massacres at mosques, the assailants struck in the early morning in central or eastern Karachi. Witnesses have described the attackers as men in their 20s, who use AK-47 assault rifles and make little effort to conceal their identity.

"They are so confident of not being caught that they don't bother to cover their faces," Yusuf said.

No one has claimed responsibility for shooting the Americans, and US and Pakistani authorities have not said whom they suspect.

They do have several witnesses. Mark McCloy, the third American in the van, suffered a bullet wound to the ankle, and the Pakistani driver, Nasim ul-Haq, was unhurt in the attack.

The two assailants used a yellow taxi stolen 90-minutes beforehand from driver Zulfiqar Ahmed, according to sources close to the investigation.

UN summit races to achieve poverty plan

COPENHAGEN (Reuters) - The United Nations social summit, striving for a formula to end global poverty, raced against a midnight deadline to agree a blueprint for narrowing the yawning gap between the world's rich and poor.

Hours before world leaders were due to start arriving in Copenhagen, officials struggled to bridge their differences on the summit declaration, which aims to eradicate poverty, slash unemployment and end social injustice.

Although progress was made on key areas such as aid to developing countries and debt, the wording regarding child labor, trade unions and education remained unresolved.

"The deadline for finishing ev-

erything is midnight tonight if it's to be ready," UN spokeswoman Susan Markham told reporters.

Delegates from participating states, already under fire from aid organizations who say the summit proposals are weak, prepared to continue negotiations throughout the evening.

Government and political leaders from around 120 countries are due in Copenhagen for what has been billed as the biggest summit in world history.

Presidents Nelson Mandela of South Africa, Fidel Castro of Cuba and Francois Mitterrand of France, as well as US Vice President Al Gore and Chinese Premier Li Peng are among those who will attend the final meeting on Saturday and Sunday.

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When many hands reached into workers' pockets

When it lost control of the Histadrut, Labor's major source of funds and clout became vulnerable and exposed, Sarah Honig reports

A recent Histadrut parliament session, David Tabach, a workers' council representative, demanded that the investigation into shady financial practices within the organization "not be limited to recent election campaigns, but that it go back to what was done under Histadrut auspices as far back as the 1930s or even back to the days of the Histadrut's founding in the 1920s."

Tabach, also a Labor Party activist, later admitted he was speaking tongue-in-cheek. "It's common knowledge," he asserted, "that, from its earliest days, the Histadrut was the basic component of the awesome Labor Party machine." Indeed, for decades it's been no secret that Labor derived funds and clout from the Histadrut, giving it an unparalleled advantage over political opponents.

Without hard evidence, however, what was common knowledge had little practical value. But that changed last year when Labor lost control of the Histadrut. "The current police probe results from Labor's disastrous electoral defeat," admitted Trade and Industry Minister Micha Harish, a former Labor secretary-general. Out of power, Labor could no longer effectively protect its most vital political interests. It was left exposed and vulnerable.

Laborites could see the downfall coming in the few days prior to the May 10, 1994, Histadrut elections, when the polls predicted a Labor debacle at the hands of maverick Haim Ramon. According to numerous rumors emanating at the time from Histadrut headquarters, Labor functionaries engaged in a frenzied document-shredding operation. "Panic was in the air," recalled a former official who worked for then Histadrut secretary-general Haim Haberfeld. "I guess they couldn't shred everything."

Only with Labor out of power in the Histadrut could "even a bit of the tip of the iceberg be uncovered," admitted the former official, stressing that "we aren't dealing with the consciously felonious. It was the system. For generations there was no distinction between the Histadrut establishment and the Labor Party machine. The Histadrut was Labor's lungs and blood supply. The coffers of the Histadrut and Labor were one."

With the exception of the Likud, in fact, all the other political parties in Histadrut factions "lived directly off Histadrut funds, something which



Ramon left the lid on Pandora's box

In his triumphant 1994 campaign for the Histadrut chairmanship, Haim Ramon railed sturily against "the political exploitation of the Histadrut by the old Labor oligarchy and the misuse of members' dues to grease and perpetuate the Labor political machine."

Ostensibly fired by reformist zeal, Ramon energetically banded about accusations which were merely a variation on an old theme.

The innovation was that they came from a Labor higher-up, even if he was a renegade at that time.

But Ramon never backed up his charges with facts, or took his innuendo to the authorities. He stopped short of opening Pandora's box.

In fact, Ramon came very close to doing just that two days prior to the Histadrut elections. He claimed to have discovered that Haberfeld's crew were spying on him in an effort to uncover evidence that would blacken his name.

Outraged, Ramon summoned a press conference to make public the investigation against him, financed by Histadrut funds. But at the last minute he backed off, without any explanation.

It's possible that his advisers warned him against stirring up a hornet's nest when he was already assured of victory.

At this time, the document-shredding operation by Labor functionaries at Histadrut headquarters was already reportedly under way.

The question plaguing many now is why Ramon kept mum for so long, thereby abetting the shredders.

Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvili was quick to absolve Ramon of blame for "informing on Labor colleagues. Ramon had nothing to do with it. He never went to the police."

"They [the police] stumbled upon the Histadrut evidence by accident, while digging into a wholly unrelated case" — that of the wire-tapping at the tabloids.

The ex-Haberfeld aide — who admits he's no friend of Ramon's — doesn't know if Ramon remained silent because "maybe he, too, had something to hide; if the private eyes hired to uncover dirt really had something on him. Perhaps, there was simply no need for him to make disclosures after he had won; his outrage could no longer serve any campaign purpose."

"Perhaps all along he counted on going back to Labor someday. Finishing off the party was therefore counterproductive for him."

Despite talk of Ramon taking advantage of Labor's embarrassment at the police probe to seize power from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the consensus within Labor is that if the party is indeed dealt a crushing blow by the present probe, Ramon would find it impossible to rejoin Labor, where he would be vilified as public enemy No. 1.

In such an eventuality, Ramon would have to forge a political career outside the party, a dangerous venture both for him and Labor.

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parties. Parties were thus enriched by "money which came from the Histadrut and was collected for far different purposes. Kipat Holim remained bankrupt and the parties' respective Histadrut factions were also nearly penniless."

"The large Labor faction, potentially still one of the richest in the Histadrut, is a case in point," the former official noted. "Even after its fall, the Labor faction accounts for almost a third of the Histadrut membership, but it operates without a budget. It is effectively broke. Its income is passed on to Labor proper."

This practice may be "unsavory, but there is no crime involved here," he said. "The minute Histadrut and party funds become indistinguishable, there is no moral impediment to using Histadrut funds for the aid of the party. The earmarking of the political tax to the parties is the mother of this sinful system."

He defines the system as "the totality of the resources — hard cash or services and materials — put at the disposal of

the Labor Party and its candidates in order to win elections — in the party internally or against other parties."

ONE DOCUMENT composed in the Labor 1989 Histadrut campaign headquarters urged the recruitment of Histadrut employees for the Labor cause and plans "special and intensive activity amongst them, stressing that any erosion of support for Labor would jeopardize their livelihood." The identical document was recycled for use in the 1994 campaign as well. Charges that Histadrut personnel were widely employed in all Knesset elections were always rampant.

It is axiomatic throughout the political arena that much of what Labor derived from the Histadrut over the decades was transferred without any traces. The Histadrut provided manpower, facilities and services and Labor was never billed. But even those instances when the party was billed, and which are not now the subject of an investigation, are indicative of Labor's

Histadrut-derived perks.

Little details, which generated no outcry, are very telling.

One such detail is included in a recent report by Eliezer Perl, a department head at the Histadrut controller's office. The Histadrut, it emerged, owes Labor over a million shekels from the 1989 Histadrut elections campaign, which it must return with full linkage and interest. How did that come about?

In 1989, the report explained, the Labor Histadrut faction was awarded a NIS 11.1 million loan, above and beyond its take from the "political tax." Due to an accounting error, Labor paid back over a million shekels more than it was supposed to, which is why the Histadrut now owes Labor money.

This accounting error allows us an insight into the extent to which Labor could count on the Histadrut, in the prevailing time-tested "system" to which Tabach alluded, to fortify it with immense emergency cash flow transfusions at critically pressing points in a campaign.

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Ambassador Martin Indyk: The road taken

The new US envoy plans to take a flying leap into his new job — he wants to help clinch a peace deal between Israel and Syria, David Makovsky reports from Jerusalem and Hillel Kuttler reports from Washington

WHILE studying at an uplan at the Hebrew University, an Australian graduate student named Martin Indyk saw the Yom Kippur War break out.

With classes suspended, he volunteered for odd jobs to help in the war effort, including cleaning out bomb shelters, baking bread for soldiers at the front and pulling up carrots on Kibbutz Alumin.

He would later recall how this experience shaped him, reminding him of the perilousness of Israel's existence. No less significant than his empathy, however, was the fact that the war made Indyk furious.

The new American ambassador to Israel recalled this week: "It struck me ... that it was in many ways an unnecessary war — it might have been possible to negotiate." Egyptian president Anwar Sadat's peace signals were missed, Indyk charged at the time, a view that has subsequently been endorsed by prominent Israelis, hawk and dove alike.

After the war, Indyk, then 22, wrote an angry letter to premier Golda Meir insisting the war could have been averted if she had seized opportunities for peace.

During a visit four years earlier, he was "overwhelmed" by an event he said he could never forget. "We were at the Hadassah Hospital looking at the Chagall windows just as helicopters were coming in with wounded soldiers. They were bringing in soldiers in front of me, my age, who were blown apart. That was the first time I came into contact with war and it was devastating."

These formative experiences convinced the newly confirmed envoy, now 43, that history must not repeat itself. He fervently believes that all avenues must be explored in making peace with Syria.

The letter he wrote to Meir was curiously reminiscent of a book Israeli Ambassador to the US Itamar Rabinovich wrote about failed Israel-Syria peace efforts around 1948, entitled *The Road Not Taken*.

While noting the importance of

peace with the Palestinians, Indyk focuses on Damascus. "If there is to be a war between Arabs and Israel, that's where it will come from. The PLO doesn't have an army; Syria does," Indyk said as he packed up his White House office and rushed to join Secretary of State Warren Christopher on a trip to the region this week.

INDYK IS the first Jew to serve as US ambassador to Israel. Furthermore, no one ever progressed from becoming an American citizen to representing his new country in as little time as he: He became a citizen just one week prior to President Clinton's inauguration in 1993.

His earlier career included a stint as intelligence analyst for Australia's prime minister, and in 1982 he worked in the research arm of the Israeli lobby in Washington, APAC.

In 1984 he founded what became a prominent think tank, the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, to help shape the US policy debate on the Middle East. He persuaded wealthy American Jewish backers to finance the institute, which is based on the premise that Israel will have to take risks for peace but cannot do so without confidence in US support.

In 1991, Indyk linked up with Clinton before the presidential campaign and has served as the president's Near East and South Asia director at the National Security Council (NSC).

INDYK BELIEVES peace with Syria is the key to accelerating change in the region. Unlike some US diplomats, he sees the Middle East as an integrated whole rather than as discrete parts.

The new ambassador, who is known for his analytic bent, said peace with Syria would have a wider impact, affecting containment of Iran and Iraq, and the fight against terrorism. "There would be no room for terrorists based in Lebanon because it would be inconsistent to Syria's commitment to peace with Israel to be harboring people [like



Indyk: If there's to be a war between the Arabs and Israel, it will come from Syria. (AP)

that," Indyk said. "It would take the wind out of the sails of Hizbullah and would thoroughly isolate Iran."

Indyk's thinking puts him very much in tune with Rabin's, but it is unclear how he would feel about the Likud returning to power. He refused to answer questions about internal Israeli politics.

Indyk's focus on the Syrian track, rather than just the Palestinian one, is shared by Rabinovich and IDF chief of military intelligence Maj.-Gen. Uri Sa-

guy, who even before the Gulf war argued that Syria had made a strategic turn for peace.

George Nader, a Lebanese-American who is editor of *Middle East Insight* magazine and a close friend of Syrian Ambassador to Washington Walid Mualeem, said Indyk has worked hard at the White House to progress on the Syrian track.

"There's no question in my mind Martin played a crucial role in developing a relationship with the Syrians which in turn cleared the way for better understanding

on the bilateral [US-Syria] relationship," Nader said.

"He is respected by the Syrians and I think he's come to understand their position; they've come to understand his position," Nader added.

"Under very difficult circumstances, Martin proved himself. He would deliver, he was credible, he wouldn't raise any false expectations. He was very straightforward about things. He had the ears and the attention of the president, and on specific matters you could see he could go

to the highest level and was heard....

"One can think of dozens of instances, crises, where he played a crucial role," Nader said, but refused to elaborate.

Indyk said he first got to know Mualeem "two years before I took the job at NSC, when I was at the Washington Institute. We struck up a very frank but friendly relationship."

"He's a very creative person who's very committed to making peace between Syria and Israel," Indyk said.

INDYK'S INTEREST in Syria was felt when he supported Clinton's visit to Damascus last October. The trip was criticized by many because Syrian President Hafez Assad failed to publicly condemn terrorism after the Dizengoff Street bombing.

But US officials insist the trip was worthwhile. The peace process was nudged forward during that visit, they say, because they succeeded in modifying Assad's position on substantive negotiating issues. Optimistic pronouncements that a breakthrough would be possible in four to six months, however, have so far not panned out.

Indyk is not alone among US officials in favoring the trip to Damascus in particular, and movement on the Syrian track in general. He is joined by Dennis Ross, who has headed US peace efforts under both Bush and Clinton. Ross has been one of Indyk's closest friends since they were at the Washington Institute together in the mid-80s.

Aaron Miller, another member of the peace team who has also been close to Indyk, described the new envoy's role in the US peace team's dynamics.

"Our morning meetings are the cauldron [in] which a lot of this stuff is cooked, and [he] provided a real dynamic as we argued our views. He had a very good feel for both the politics and the substance."

Edward Djerejian, Indyk's predecessor in Tel Aviv, said the new envoy is a team player. "I always felt with Martin there was full communication on some very, very sensitive issues. I never felt he was playing his own game."

WHILE DJEREJIAN and Samuel Lewis have landed the appointment because of Indyk's skill, a third US envoy to Israel, William Harrop, has reportedly considered it a bad idea.

Harrop is cited as saying it is wrong to dispatch someone "so strongly associated with Israel," and pointed out that Indyk has "been an American" for only two years.

The conventional wisdom is that ambassadors are becoming less important in an age in which leaders pick up the telephone or fax each other, but this may not be the case when it comes to Israel today. The US role as a superpower and as Israel's major arms supplier ensures that Washington will never become a diplomatic backwater for Jerusalem, though it is less dominant than in the past. Now, for the most part, Israel does not need the US to arrange meetings with Arabs. Rabin can fly to Cairo or Amman or drive to Gaza to meet them.

Key decisions lie ahead as Israel faces decisions on the territories and the Golan Heights. Already knowing the local policymakers upon arrival will help Indyk. His link to the White House could only be advantageous.

Positions favored by Indyk (and others) have taken hold inside the Clinton administration. Not only is the US engaged in Israel-Syria peacemaking, but the Clinton administration is not involved in James Baker-style pressure tactics, which would only be counterproductive since Rabin does not need to be coerced to move forward on peace.

While the Clinton administration has held the line on UN sanctions against Iraq, other policies favored by Indyk are not showing signs of success.

Shortly after coming to office in 1993, Indyk articulated a "dual containment" policy which called for a tougher stance against both Iran and Iraq. He believes Iraq's invasion of Kuwait proved the old US attitude of playing Iran off against Iraq was bankrupt.

Indyk's position was that the US should work to ensure that major countries reject military and economic ties with Iran. But this has not happened. Russia recently announced it is building Iran's nuclear facility at Bushehr. Germany and Japan rescheduled Teheran's mega-billion debts last year, and US oil companies are believed to be importing about 30 percent of all Iranian oil.

INDYK WILL now return full time to his prime interest, US-Israel relations. He will be commuting to Israel twice this month before he moves here next month with his Australian wife Jill, a graphic designer, and their two children.

Sources say that before Clinton assumed office, Indyk told him his first presidential term may witness four peace agreements between Israel and its neighbors. Two have already come about, and Indyk hopes to influence events so there will be no need for a sequel to *The Road Not Taken*.

The cruel reality of implementing the Oslo accord

FM Shimon Peres has privately lowered ambitions for dramatic changes in the region, Steve Rodan writes from Amman

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres sat in the Hashemiyeh Palace facing his Egyptian, Jordanian and Palestinian counterparts and seemed very much alone.

Peres, addressing the opening on Tuesday of the conference on the Palestinians displaced by the 1967 war, spoke in English on a familiar theme — a new Middle East based on regional cooperation and economic prosperity.

He was ignored. The Arab representatives, despite their previous squabbles and strained relations, presented a united front, demanding that Israel immediately begin the resettlement of what the Arabs claim is up to 1.5 million Palestinians eligible to return to their homes in the territories.

That night, after he had said his goodbyes to his Arab colleagues, Peres met with Israeli reporters and acknowledged that he expected difficult times ahead. "We have several problems that each one of them can be converted into a battle from which there is no exit," he said.

As Peres sees it, the three main issues are the fate of the 1967 refugees, Egypt's insistence that Israel sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the next stage of the Israel-PLO accord, in which the IDF must evacuate Arab towns in the territories.

The task is daunting, and Peres feels time is short. As his aides and confidants put it, Peres now has privately lowered his ambitions for dramatic change in the Middle East. Instead, he argues for Israel to forge ahead with negotiations with the Arabs to ensure that diplomatic gains are not rolled back by a breakdown in peace efforts with the Palestinians.

FOREIGN MINISTRY director-

general Uri Savir says 1994 has been a diplomat's dream — 153 countries now have relations with Israel.

"Without the Declaration of Principles in September of 1993, all of this would not have been possible," Savir said during a recent briefing. "Therefore, we will continue this strategy of looking at the Palestinian issue as the core issue that needs nurturing over the long term."

Privately, other senior officials go further. They say a collapse of the peace process could result in war with many of the Arab states, even including Egypt.

These days, however, the Palestinians don't appear in the mood to negotiate. They want quick results. The PLO's delegate to the displaced persons talks, Nabil Shaath, arrived with maximalist demands and full of mistrust for the Israelis.

"I am really disappointed by the peace process," Shaath said. "The peace process is facing a dilemma. It's like an airplane. If you slow down you lose altitude."

Shaath's deputy, Hassan Asfour, goes further. A charming man who sports an Errol Flynn-type mustache, Asfour tells the Israelis what he thinks of the DOP. "I tell them it stands for 'Don't occupy Palestine.'"

Aides to Peres say he doesn't take Shaath or his colleagues seriously. Instead, Peres focuses on Arafat, the Palestinian he feels has the ultimate authority. Over the past 18 months, Peres, who met Arafat yesterday, has learned what are the priorities of the PLO leader.

PERES'S PROBLEM is that he doesn't deal solely with Arafat. The PLO leader is trying to build a coalition of Arab support. At the Amman talks, both Egyptian



Confidants say Peres is upset that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is dragging his feet on the peace process. (Isaac Harari)

Foreign Minister Amr Mussa and Jordan's Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti told Peres privately that the entire peace process faces collapse unless progress is achieved on the humanitarian issue. "The issue of the displaced persons is not merely a humanitarian issue," Kabariti said. "It is a legal issue and we must address it under international law."

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"They need each other, at least in terms of their own personal career, not to mention serving the policies of their government," the aide said.

There are other concerns. Aides say Peres is privately upset with the new Republican Congress, which appears to be turning a deaf ear to pleas for aid to

cate terrorism. Kabariti was the only one to refer to Peres's speech, in which the Israeli referred to the plight of the 1967 refugees as a humanitarian issue. "The issue of the displaced persons is not merely a humanitarian issue," Kabariti said. "It is a legal issue and we must address it under international law."

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Jordan and the PLO. His argument is that the refusal to fulfill the pledges made by US President Bill Clinton is serving only to harden opposition by Syria to peace with Israel.

Peres's greatest disappointment lies with his colleagues in the government.

Confidants say Peres is upset that Rabin is dragging his feet on the peace process. Rabin's behavior is somewhat of a surprise to Peres, who appeared unusually decisive in his first two years in office.

"I know his temperament," said Hebrew University's Beilski Ben-Hur. "He sits on thorns and is going crazy. He believes that he is spending time on nothing, that everything is melting."

The anger is not only against Rabin. Peres was furious with the opposition expressed by Finance Minister Avraham Shohat last year at Casablanca to a regional development bank.

Now, Peres is upset at former chief of staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak for opposing the continuation of the Israel-PLO accord.

Confidants say Peres is slowly changing his rhetoric. He no longer forecasts an economic miracle in the Middle East but says it is crucial to maintain peace. During a meeting with William Hoenck, director general of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Peres stressed the need for the regimes in the Middle East to become democratic.

But Peres is said to believe that despite the disappointments, time is running short. His biggest fear is that something will happen to Arafat. His brain trust at the Foreign Ministry is holding talks with the Palestinians at several levels, from Fatah operatives in Gaza to Arafat.

Peres's view is that Israel must eventually implement the next stage of the accord with the PLO. At this point, he is waiting for Rabin.

"The problem is that had Peres done it himself, he would have taken a lot more risks for a lot more chances," Ben-Hur said.

"Shimon thinks if we don't achieve peace now it will never happen."

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An addiction that's all in the numbers

Gambling becomes a best friend to people running from a pain they cannot deal with, Ruth Beker writes

GAMBLING is a gate to dangerously false hope. For Michael, 53, a compulsive gambler, it was sweet at the beginning, hell at the end, and many things in between. We arranged to meet at a cafe. He looked surprisingly man-in-the-street, not the debonair, suave Mississippi gambler type you see in the movies. Michael's sickness - for that's what it is - is rooted in the Holocaust. When he was six months old, he was given to a Gentile family for safekeeping just before his parents were sent to Bergen-Belsen, where his mother died. "After the war [my father] found me and took me home. I had many different caretakers. When I was eight he remarried. It was a disastrous marriage. Maybe they took it out on me, who knows. "My father and stepmother always punished me harshly and for no reason. Once I spent three months in my room on bread and water. I was never allowed to play outside. My father forced me to wear a *kippa* to school. This was very cruel as we lived in a Gentile neighborhood. The gangs saw the *kippa* as a red flag and beat me up. "My father and stepmother crushed my spirit and destroyed my willpower. I could not think for myself, make any decisions. My self-confidence was shot. You know, I'm still afraid of my father, and he's been dead for years. "Such a background, according to at least one expert in the field, is typical for a compulsive gambler: a vulnerable boy deeply affected by a violent father. "Curiosity brought me to the gambling club the first time. I came out happy with a NIS 100 profit. Two weeks later I went again, but won only NIS 60. I went twice a week, then three times, then every day. By the end of the year I was losing NIS 1,000 to NIS 3,000 a day," Michael says. "A compulsive gambler is like someone who touches a hot stove, gets burned yet keeps coming back for more," explains Don Lavender, clinical coordinator at Arizona's Sierra Tucson Treatment Center for Psychological and Emotional Disorders. He was here recently to give a one-week workshop at the new Herzliya Medical Center for Addictions at Beit Oren. Gambling becomes the lover, the best friend, the only comfort as the sufferer runs from a pain he cannot deal with, Lavender explains. "I DIDN'T KNOW I was addicted, but I knew something was wrong if I organized my whole day around gambling," Michael continues. "At first gambling was fun, a diversion. Then it became a habit I couldn't live without and finally an escape for all my problems. I spent my business money, my children's money, everyone's



Gambling gives you a rush, the same high you get from drugs, according to Dr. Val Velkes, co-director of the Herzliya Medical Center's addiction clinic. (Aron Ron/Israel Sun)

money. I owed money to the whole world. "My wife knew nothing about my gambling. I was a great liar and came home with a thousand stories. I was clever at 'combinations,' the expertise of every gambler. I hid the truth brilliantly from everyone, including myself. "I was in a trance, in a blackout when I played. Lost to the world. A total escape. If the man next to me dropped dead I wouldn't look up. I wouldn't go to the bathroom. Nothing kept me from gambling. Gambling was oblivion. "I could feel the adrenalin pumping in me while I was playing. I felt alive. I felt suspense. Would I win this time? Or the next - for there was always a next time. "You always lose. I didn't care. A compulsive gambler plays. It doesn't matter if he wins or loses. It has nothing to do with money. He wants that high. He wants to forget everything. "I know I have tons of anger in me and I can't let it go. I'm afraid to show my anger or any other emotion. I'm afraid to be myself. "Nothing was sacred. I gambled everything away. If I had money to pay the bills, I gambled it away. If my wife wanted money to fix something in the house, I said there was no money and then spent 10 times that amount that very day in the gambling club. "Because gambling isn't physical like drugs or alcohol, it is hard for people to understand what a dangerous addiction it is," warns Michael. "It sneaks up on you. "Win or lose, I kept playing. I couldn't stop. My business was ruined. I owed money everywhere. I couldn't sleep. Suicide seemed the only place to go. Gambling had gobbled up my life. "At that desperate point, Michael read about Penina Eldar's gambling disorder clinic. The treatment has been successful so far. "I can't ever gamble again, not even for one penny," he insists. Eldar opened the Center for Compulsive Gambling in Jerusalem in 1991 and recently opened a branch in the Center for Alternative Medicine in Tel Aviv. The American Psychiatric Association lists the following behavior patterns of compulsive gamblers: when he plays, he loses all sense of time; he needs larger and larger sums of money; he spends less and less time at work; he loses touch with reality; he lies to family, friends, and colleagues to hide the extent of his gambling; he can't control his need to play; he plays whether he wins or loses; he will engage in criminal activity to get more money; he writes checks without cover; he is willing to give up everything for gambling; and, he typically suffers from such physical problems as urinary and kidney infections, chronic stomach diseases, high blood pressure, sleeplessness, heart problems, depression, and finally, strong suicidal tendencies. "The Jewish people are more vulnerable to this disorder than others because of their troubled history," Michael says. "The Holocaust past of my family had a lot to do with all this. "AVI, a businessman from Tel Aviv, is penniless and in heavy debt because of his gambling addiction. In his late thirties, divorced with no children, he is a snazzy dresser, loaded with charm, with a gift of gab and a great head for figures, albeit a bit crooked. He is an entirely different kind of gambler than Michael. Light-hearted, full of easy-money schemes, he is at home in the convivial, smoke-filled, male-dominated atmosphere of the casino and gambling clubs. He is not like Michael, tormented, purging an overwhelming childhood wound. "Avi always wants you to join him in the deal of the decade. "Give me \$35,000 and I will turn it into \$2 million, one for you and one for me," he promises. Unfortunately, he is bankrupt and heavily in debt. He admits to being a compulsive gambler, but says he is curing himself. It just takes time. "I was a born gambler. In the second grade I was betting on *gogo'im* (apricot seeds, the rage then like *pogon* today). I took the sandwich money, emptied my mother's purse and bet on what ever turned up in the schoolyard. Gambling is my biggest thrill. I love the suspense. Did I win? How much? Only gambling makes me feel alive," he says. He admits that "the only winners in gambling are the professionals who run the club. The owner takes NIS 20 from each person every 10 minutes. Figure 15 to 20 people playing for hours, sometimes around the clock. In 24 hours, the owners collect NIS 24,000 while we keep losing. Yet we can't stop. Gambling is the most expensive entertainment in the world. "Gambling and the *hebra* go together. They make me feel like a million dollars when I win. They look up to me and say '*kol hakavod*' [kudos]," he says. "The really big money is in casinos," Avi says. "They treat you like royalty, give you anything, just keep playing. The best food, the best liquor, your own beautiful waitress. I never get tired when I gamble. "I organize tours for gamblers to casinos abroad. Deluxe treatment is free, but they must play a certain number of hours every day and deposit a sum of money with me. "Every week my friend and I used to put NIS 2,500 in the Lotto. I don't want to work from nine to five, go home, watch TV, go to bed. "Why waste time working for nothing when I've got so many brilliant ideas?" DR. YAIR CASPI, a lecturer in addition at the Hebrew University Law School and the Tel Aviv School of Social Work, defines a compulsive gambler: "What place is gambling in his life? Does he think about it all the time? Is every vacation planned around it, whether the casino is in Turkey, Egypt or Israel or Rio? The more addicted you are, the greater part of your daily activities is organized around it," he says. "Gambling gives you a rush, the same high you get from drugs. It's easy money. You don't have to work, you just play games," said Dr. Val Velkes, co-director with Dr. Pinhas Harris of the Herzliya Medical Center's addiction clinic. "People here are addicted to Lotto, Hish Gad, Toto, all the games," says Harris. "Gambling is much more of a problem here than anyone wants to admit." He adds that Jews are big gamblers. Michael says he is very frightened. "A man in our therapy group who was clean for a whole year started gambling again this week. I know something is wrong with me. I know I'm living a lie. I made a big mistake and I don't know why. I am not sure I won't do it again. It haunts me all the time. "It's funny. I felt so free [when I was gambling], yet there was no worse prison in the world for me. I was sentenced for life."

Risk-free therapy for a 'man's disease'

THE mania of gambling sweeping the country is going to cause lots of problems," Penina Eldar warns. Director and founder of the Center for Compulsive Gambling in Jerusalem, Eldar recently opened a branch at the Center for Alternative Medicine in Tel Aviv. She is the former director of the department for the treatment of alcoholics at the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, and founded Alcoholics Anonymous 20 years ago. "Now with credit and access cards you can phone around the world and bet on any sporting event you want, a dangerous and tempting situation for compulsive gamblers and people vulnerable in that direction," she warns. Eldar began the gambling program four years ago, but despite extensive media attention and an advertising campaign, "of the 100 people who came to talk to me, only 50 decided on treatment." That in itself is part of the problem. "It is very hard for a compulsive gambler to admit his sickness. By the end of 1994, 60 compulsive gamblers came to talk - only 20 underwent treatment. Today we are treating 12 people in intensive treatment and 30 in group therapy. It is a commitment many are not ready to take. Eldar's method of treatment is more attractive than that used in Spain and France, where compulsive gamblers are kept in psychiatric wards. Eldar espouses rehabilitation and group and family therapy. The gambler seeking help gets 10 one-on-one sessions, 10 group meetings, two meetings with the family, and, if therapy is going well, monthly group therapy that continues "for as long as necessary, sometimes forever." "Compulsive gambling disorder is a man's disease," Eldar explains, "though it is the wives and mothers who face the dire economic consequences: a total collapse of the family facing overwhelming debts no one can settle." An alcoholic may drink only a bottle a day and still be an alcoholic, but a compulsive gambler spends all the family's money, leaving them physically and emotionally destitute, she says. "Who is most likely to become a compulsive gambler? It all depends on his personality, his childhood, his relations with his father. Was he beaten? Was his childhood violent? How affected was he by what happened to him? How vulnerable is he? "Gambling gives such a charge, a kick. It pumps adrenalin into the body and the gambler once again feels emotions he thought were dead. It's hard to give all this up," she says. "Most of us can have a glass of wine at a meal, or a friendly game of cards, and not turn into an alcoholic or compulsive gambler." Playing cards with family or friends is okay, but stay away from gambling clubs, she warns. "It gets tricky when you start playing two to three times a week. Then it's only a matter of time. The history of every gambler started with playing once a week, then twice, then three times, and then all the time." She says it can take five to seven years for gambling to develop into a compulsion. Eldar estimates that "80 percent of the population is engaged in the legal lotteries. According to my statistics, 67,000 compulsive gamblers need treatment here, and there are between 50,000 and 200,000 gamblers at risk in Israel." "It's okay to buy one or two lottery tickets a week, but it's not good when a man spends hundreds, sometimes thousands of shekels wooing lady luck," she says. "Hish Gad and Chance are lotteries people can get addicted to. Many spend far more than they need to." R.B.

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Arab expansion in Jerusalem area defies the planners

A government report says efforts to limit Arab population growth in Jerusalem have failed, Bill Hutman reports

THREE years ago, a team of city planners was asked by the government to conduct a study on the future of metropolitan Jerusalem.

The long-awaited study was recently completed. The in-depth report includes mundane facts about water, road and sewage development in the region. But within the textbook-like report is a hidden bombshell, which the government would apparently rather avoid addressing: The Palestinian population in the greater Jerusalem area will far outnumber the Jewish population in just over a decade.

Researchers involved in the project are quick to point out that the Arab population in metropolitan Jerusalem has boomed since 1967 despite efforts to limit Arab development.

Metropolitan Jerusalem is roughly defined as the area bordered by Gush Etzion to the south, Beit Shemesh to the west, Ramallah to the north, and Mitze Yericho to the east.

Massive Arab housing development on the outskirts of Jerusalem also reflects the failure to foresee the results of making it difficult for Arabs to build in the city, the researchers say.

Today, the Jewish and Arab populations are nearly equal in metropolitan Jerusalem. There are about 500,000 Jews and 470,000 Arabs. By the year 2010, the Arab population is expected to reach 820,000, compared with 740,000 Jews, according to the study.

However, in municipal Jerusalem, the number of Arab residents is about 160,000, or about 28.4 percent of the city's popula-



Mussa Abu Durgham, 72, stands near the ruins of the home he built without a permit for one of his children in A-Zayim, the town he founded. (Sara Ushy)

tion, according to the most recent city figures. Just after the Six Day War, some 70,000 Arabs were living in Jerusalem, or about 25.8%.

"They have tried to give us little place to build, but people simply keep building anyway," says Khader Shkirat, director of the Palestinian Land and Water Establishment, a group based in Shuafat, north of Jerusalem.

The bulk of Arab development has been to the north of the capital. A-Ram was a tiny village with a population of about 3,000 in

1967. Today, A-Ram is a town of over 40,000 with densely packed three- and four-story buildings.

Other villages north of the city, Bir Nabala, El Jib, Kalandia and Kafir Akab, have also boomed. Development along the Jerusalem-Ramallah road has been most intense, with virtually no green areas left between the two.

To the east, with Abu Dis and Etzariya only lightly populated. But those villages also quickly boomed, with Jerusalem residents looking for a place to build,

and Palestinians from the territories attracted to the Jerusalem area for economic reasons.

And by the mid-1980s, a new Arab town, A-Zayim, also began to emerge in the Judean Desert, to the anger of many Israeli planners.

"I was out of the country for several months, and when I returned all of sudden noticed that a new Arab village was being built," one senior planner said at the time.

He said he took the issue to the Ministerial Committee on Jerusa-

lem Affairs, but was told that then-mayor Teddy Kollek personally pushed through approval of the village on grounds Arab residents of the city needed a place to build. "Allowing A-Zayim to be built was a grave mistake," the planner said. The reason: It prevented the construction of a continual stretch of Jewish development between Jerusalem and the settlement of Ma'aleh Adumim.

The planner, who asked not be named, also maintained that the new village would become a secu-

urity threat, because of its location along the Jerusalem-Jericho highway.

The authorities apparently came to agree, and after allowing development in A-Zayim for several years they are now trying to limit building there.

Building codes set by the civil administration are strict, and should have prevented the expansion. But the codes were largely ignored by both the authorities and Palestinians, a senior civil administration official admits.

Small Palestinian towns and villages grew at an incredible pace in the three decades following the Six Day War, according to the official. Civil administration building inspectors, with little manpower and resources, adopted a policy of "containment," similar to that of city building inspectors working in eastern Jerusalem.

The inspectors ignored illegal Palestinian construction on empty plots in already developed areas. Instead, they concentrated on preventing construction on large undeveloped "green areas" alongside Arab villages and towns.

But even that policy had only limited success, the civil administration official notes.

"No one should be surprised by what is happening," says Yisrael Kimhe, a researcher at the Jerusalem Institute of Israel Studies, and one of the authors of the metropolitan Jerusalem report.

Both city and state-sponsored reports in recent years have shown that efforts to contain Arab growth in the Jerusalem area were failing, according to Kimhe.

A 1968 government-commissioned report based on aerial photographs showed some 2,730 Arab homes around Jerusalem. A follow-up report in 1979 showed the number reached 5,240.

A 1979 report estimated 400,000 Jews compared with 200,000 Arabs living in metropolitan Jerusalem.

However, the government, at least for now, prefers not to address the issue, and the latest report has been shelved, according to Kimhe.

"We began the project before the start of the peace process, when it was believed metropolitan Jerusalem would be under Israeli control," Kimhe says.

"Now, that has all changed," he says. The planning of metropolitan Jerusalem is an issue that will be decided by Israeli and Palestinian negotiators.

One thing is clear, however. When the two sides sit down to talk about Jerusalem, they will be facing a reality far different than that which existed when the city was reunited nearly three decades ago.

A-Tur resident: 'We have nowhere to build for our children'

MUSSA Abu Durgham, 72, managed to build a community near Jerusalem with joint PLO-Israeli funding.

The town Abu Durgham founded is A-Zayim, just east of Jerusalem along the road to Ma'aleh Adumim. Just over a decade ago, Durgham, of Jerusalem's A-Tur neighborhood on the Mount of Olives, began a search for a place to build homes for his six children.

Several neighbors joined Durgham. They all had land on which to build, but in an area of A-Tur that since 1967 was outside city limits.

The local and national authorities at first denied their request. But Durgham, who led the group, persisted.

In Jerusalem, he found a supporter in then-mayor Teddy Kollek. Kollek used his political weight to obtain the

go-ahead from the government for the construction of about 20 homes on the A-Tur neighborhood land.

Kollek also secured funding and permits for electric and water lines into the new village.

The families took the building permits to Amman. There, the PLO and Jordan had just launched a campaign to encourage Palestinians to build in the administered territories and Jerusalem. For Jerusalem, they were even given extra help.

Under the program, each family was given about 8,000 dinars, according to Durgham. "That was a lot of money in those days. You could build a large villa with 8,000 dinars," he said.

Durgham says the families were also given authorization from the Jerusalem Municipality to bring the money

into the country. At the time, a municipal official confirmed this.

The first families built their homes on the desert hilltop in 1982.

Dozens more families from A-Tur quickly wanted to join the original settlers. But the authorities just as quickly decided to limit development.

Four months ago, the new home built by Durgham for one of his daughters, without a permit, was demolished by the civil administration.

About 5,000 people live in the village today, almost all from A-Tur.

"We are going to keep building," Durgham vows. "This is our land. We have no where else to build homes for our children."

For fear of the F-word, women don't fight

Letty Cottin Pogrebin argues that women do not have to identify with any organized movement to battle for their rights, Sasha Sadan writes

LETTY Cottin Pogrebin speaks softly, but carries a powerful message.

One of the few American feminists to have become a household name, Pogrebin came here this week for International Women's Day.

In a speech at the 10th birthday celebration of the Israel Women's Network, the women's advocacy group, she sprinkled her text with Jewish references, yet vehemently scored violence against women in Israeli society.

Pogrebin's vehemence on women's issues has deep roots in her experience of Judaism as a youngster, described in her best-selling book, *Deborah, Golda and Me*, published in 1991.

As a teenager, she was enraged to learn that women don't count as Jews when it came to forming a minyan, and in other devotional practices.

Her father, she says, "could make accommodations for himself in his move from Orthodoxy to Conservative Judaism and allow himself to drive on the Sabbath, for example, but couldn't understand why it bothered me that I didn't count as a Jew for a minyan."

"When my mother died I was 15, and though I knew the prayers by heart, I couldn't stand up in the minyan in my home and mourn, but the man who held his prayer book upside down could."

Her anger is directed not only

at patriarchal religion. On violence against women here she notes that 25 women were killed last year by their husbands or boyfriends, "men who supposedly loved them." An estimated 100,000 women are battered at home and 10,000 are locked in marriage by husbands who refuse to grant them a *get*, or as *agunot* (abandoned wives).

Pogrebin, a founding editor of *Ms.* magazine, doesn't simply throw out figures. She states them calmly and quietly, and adds that "I could have given the same speech in America. We're struggling with the same issues there."

Israel, she says, has come a long way in the 20 years since her first visit, when "nobody could believe that a Jewish husband would beat his wife. Now you have the case of Prof. Adi Tzema [who recently admitted publicly to beating his wife] and these issues [violence against women] are being debated in the Knesset."

Pogrebin, 55, is calling for an all-out war on patriarchy and what she sees as its dividends, even down to the politics of housework — that is, who does it.

She quotes actress Lee Grant: "I was married to a fascist and I was married to a communist. Neither one of them threw out the trash." It's a sentiment Pogrebin expects most women understand.

Women do not have to identify



Pogrebin: The same traits are used to typecast feminists and Jews: loud, pushy, verbal, domineering. (Ariel Jersakinsky)

with any organized movement to battle for their rights, she stresses, and admits some people fear the F-word — feminism.

In her book, she notes that the same traits are used to typecast feminists and Jews: "loud, pushy, verbal, domineering, middle-class."

She has no problem with the

word "pushy," however, even though it's "a code word for Jewish," because the pushers are the people who get things done. She is, incidentally, soft-spoken, reflective and the opposite of pushy.

Asked what the difference is between being interviewed by a journalist and by a feminist jour-

nalist ("I've never been asked that") she rolls her eyes and pauses.

"Well, an ordinary journalist asks why I mind having a door opened for me, and whether I'm not afraid of losing my femininity as a feminist," she says, with a smile playing at the corner of her mouth.

Why do ordinary journalists ask those types of question?

"Because they haven't been paying attention to what's happening around them."

POGREBIN WASN'T a victim of antisemitism as a youngster in the US and never had cause to examine her Jewishness in her writing until the UN Women's Conference in Mexico in 1975. This was the first conference on women since the General Assembly resolution equating Zionism and racism. At this, and a subsequent conference in Copenhagen in 1980, she ran headlong into antisemitism in the women's movement.

Her reaction was explored in a 12-page article, reprinted in *Deborah, Golda and Me*.

Why put an essay that's 10 years old into a new book?

She smiles. Because it's needed, she says. Jewish women are continually asking her for copies.

But when the article, which examined how women feel about themselves and their Jewishness, first appeared in *Ms.*, it drew a letter of rebuttal from 10 Jewish academics, who felt her argument was "exaggerated."

Pogrebin's reaction: To talk openly about self-hating Jews and the whole gray area she calls "Jewish identity resistance."

In America it's so easy not to identify as a Jew, she says, that "you have to decide to be a Jew."

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TEDDY KOLLEK and Amos Kollek

I am fully convinced that Jerusalem must remain united, and that it's possible that the city's Arabs will choose to be Israelis rather than accept other alternatives.

For many years we have tried to create in Jerusalem, both through atmosphere and legislation, a situation that would encourage Arabs to prefer Israeli citizenship to that of a Palestinian entity or of Jordan. This effort, it was hoped, would quiet voices calling for the city's redivision.

The policy of some individuals to try to drive the Arabs out of Jerusalem, or restrict them in various ways, cannot triumph. While Jews might buy a few houses in Silwan or the Muslim Quarter, they will not make a numerical or qualitative difference; they will serve to create more tension and distrust. And the money spent on these homes could go toward substantial new immigrant housing in other areas of Jerusalem.

As the saying goes, "Good fences make good neighbors." Mixed neighborhoods have rarely worked and have often caused trouble, as seen recently in Paris, Marseilles and Los Angeles.

For almost 30 years the Israeli government has maintained a no-building policy in the Arab neighborhoods of Jerusalem, but this has not reduced the number of Arabs in the city. It has simply encouraged illegal building and increased density, which leads to social and health problems.

It is time for us to realize that the Moslems and Christians will never relinquish their claims on Jerusalem or their holy places. We, of all peoples, cannot make this demand. With our deep attachment to symbols, we should not doubt the commitment of others to their holy

One cannot doubt the significance of the Holy Land to Christians. And, of course, the Moslem dedication to Jerusalem, the site of Mohammed's ascension to heaven, is no less powerful.

The only way to acknowledge the deep Christian and Moslem attachment to Jerusalem, without internationalizing or redividing the city, is to give them preferred minority status, to anchor their rights in our laws, and to give them a feeling of belonging through recognition of this special status by the Israeli government.

THESE DAYS, Palestinians, present and former Jerusalemites, are making efforts to have great parts of their school system brought under city auspices, and are continuously trying to get permission to build new residential areas, tourist facilities, hotels and even industry. This benefits not only Jerusalem's Arabs but also the status of Jerusalem as Israel's undivided capital.

Government and municipal policies that make it difficult for non-Jews to achieve their goals in Israel are counterproductive.

The Jerusalem Foundation has sponsored many successful integration projects, such as the Sheikh Jarrah Health Center, which treats 1,000 patients daily, and the new Arab central library. Similarly, the recent renovations to, and enlargement of, the Abdallah Ibn Hussein High School made possible by the Clure Foundation. These serve as examples for all of Israel.

Despite the fact that I was severely

criticized by some Israelis for being pro-Arab, I feel that in fact I didn't do enough for the Arabs and for the good of the united city. In the days of the Likud government, and housing minister Ariel Sharon, our attempts to improve the situation were blocked by various district-planning offices and other institutions.

We now have a minister of the interior and tourism who could help rectify the disparities in building permits, education and minority rights. If only the municipal authorities would demand this of him.

One day Israelis will regret losing the opportunity to set an example to the whole world in the treatment of minorities.

Many Arabs are uncertain about the future. As our parents and grandparents knew only too well, the one document that gives a feeling of security is a legal passport, and many Arab Jerusalemites have recently applied for Israeli passports.

Arab parents are fed up with schools where demonstrations and strikes take precedence over studies. The Palestinians, once the most educated people in the Arab world (their qualifications ensured them high-level management positions in many Arab countries), are seeing these advantages slip away.

There are a number of ways to work toward real coexistence in Jerusalem. One option is the borough system. Originally we thought of this as a way to achieve better city management, but in the present situation the boroughs may serve as an answer to psychological and political difficulties as well. Of course, none of our efforts to encourage coexistence and empowerment can work without great sacrifice, goodwill and tolerance on the part of all.

Watchdog takes on network

EYE ON THE MEDIA

DAVID BAR-ILLAN

In the last 13 years, America's Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) has aired 26 documentaries on the Arab-Israeli conflict; only three could be called not biased against Israel.

A 1993 production by the public-supported noncommercial television network, *Journey to the Occupied Lands*, was particularly nasty. As detailed in this column on August 12, 1994, it was full of distortions and falsehoods which became a lasting menace when the program was marketed as a videocassette.

Perturbed by the virulent anti-Israel propaganda in the production, the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting (CAMERA), a crusading Boston-based organization, issued a carefully documented, understated report analyzing the distortions.

Some of the fabrications were laughable. Example: "The port of Gaza used to be a bustling commercial center on the Mediterranean coast, open to the world; the occupation changed all that." (This, about a tiny pierless quay which under the British Mandate handled 0.3 percent of Palestine's cargo and did even worse under Egypt.) Others were outright frauds, involving doctored satellite pictures.

The film revolved mainly around the personal story of Palestinian Sabri Gharib, who claims on screen that Israel stole a large plot of land which had been in his family for generations.

The documentary's producer, Michael Ambrosino, solemnly announces on camera that "the Israeli court decided that most of the land was in fact Gharib's, but now the court won't even enforce its own decision."

The fact is that Gharib is a chronic litigant, who has appealed to various courts for 14 years. His claim was found totally baseless by every court, including the High Court, and he was fined for pressing frivolous motions. The Gharib story, like the vast

majority of "stolen land" claims, is, bluntly, a pack of lies.

CAMERA sent the report to the network, and PBS asked Ambrosino for a rebuttal, which it refused to give CAMERA. All the network was willing to say was that "we have seen nothing, including your paper, to make us doubt the factual accuracy of *Journey to the Occupied Lands*."

On the contrary, the information provided by Ambrosino in response to your charges leads us to conclude that your report is an irresponsible and truly questionable piece of research.

AFTER MANAGING to obtain a copy of Ambrosino's defense, CAMERA issued a 150-page refutation in August 1994, in which it showed that Ambrosino's defense only compounded the film's errors and falsehoods.

CAMERA also insisted on meeting network officials, and finally persuaded them to investigate its charges. Again avoiding an impartial outside inquiry, the network chose Louis Wiley, a staff member whose name appears in the documentary's credits. It was he who had done the original "fact checking" for *Journey*.

Not surprisingly, Wiley's report attempts to exonerate the film. But in the face of CAMERA's documentation, the best he can do is call intentional lies "mistakes," and ignore points he cannot refute. Smugly, he treats outrageous statements — such as that Israel has confiscated two-thirds of the West Bank, or that land in Silwan has been stolen — as if they were facts.

Even more incredibly, while Wiley finds that CAMERA was right and Ambrosino was wrong about the land allegedly stolen from Gharib, he claims that it doesn't matter. "The error in the Gharib story is not significant,"

he writes. "The substantive point of the story is that many Palestinians have lost land they considered theirs...."

Coming from a representative of the media, this is indeed breathtaking. Leaving aside the validity of the claim that "Palestinian land" in the territories has been confiscated, if journalists accepted such logic, Janet Cooke, the disgraced *Washington Post* writer whose story about a small boy growing up in the ghetto turned out to be a hoax, should get her job and Pulitzer Prize back. After all, there clearly are small boys in the inner city just like the one she made up.

On the claim that Israel is suffocating the Arab population in the "West Bank," Wiley admits that Ambrosino ignored extensive legal and illegal building by Palestinians: "The staggering number of illegally built houses which have not been torn down is not mentioned," he admits. But "the segment was basically accurate, for even if the Israelis don't tear down illegal houses, they could if they wanted to."

And so it goes. Wiley admits the most egregious breaches of journalistic principles and ethics, but describes them as insignificant errors. Then, compounding the felony, he repeats the documentary's Big Lie: "...about two-thirds of the West Bank has now been reserved for exclusive Jewish use. This fundamental fact remains unchallenged. Israelis make no bones about it.... Almost all the stories in the film simply illustrate the obvious.... Since the factual heart of the film is not in dispute, the film cannot be 'fundamentally flawed' as CAMERA claims."

That anyone in the media can utter such nonsense only illustrates how readily media types believe anything about Israel, and how contemptuous they are

of journalistic principles. Israeli towns and villages take up about four percent of the land in Judea and Samaria. As in every orderly country, land not owned privately (in this case, about 60 percent) is government land, not for anyone's "exclusive use."

But after attempting this whitewash, Wiley springs a surprise: His recommendations to PBS are constructive, and they belie his insistence that the falsehoods were but minor errors.

They include a suggestion that a letter of correction be sent to all purchasers of the videocassette and a new transcript be made to reflect changes; that a new master videocassette be used for all future sales; that the network devote on-air time to a report on the action it has taken and a brief summation of the changes made; and that the network question all documentary producers about members of their team who have a significant editorial role.

Additionally, "there should be a second fact checker on documentaries, the disclosure of the person's current relevant affiliations in the credits, or other steps which would help refute the appearance of bias charge, should it be raised."

Finally, "whenever there is any alteration to a real photo, stock footage, or any other material to be used in the film, there is an obligation on the part of the producer to bring that alteration to the attention of the network."

The moral of the story is that protest works, at least partially. Not that PBS would now compensate for its 23 anti-Israel documentaries with one made from Israel's viewpoint. Perish the thought! It's possible, though, that the recommendations will be implemented and it is even conceivable that the two-year-long protest against its anti-Israel bias persuaded PBS to air *Jihad in America*, a documentary by Steve Emerson on Islamic militants. The film won the George Polk award for excellence in journalism earlier this week.

Joseph the foolish

A VIEW FROM NOV

MOSHE KOHN

A Purim parable: The woman cried out: "You foolish child! You would already have known better than to go back to that place! They did the same thing to you last year when you got there, and the year before, and the year before that!"

The woman, according to that apocryphal story, is for the fourth consecutive year seeing the *Mechitav Yosef* (The Sale of Joseph) tragedy performed in the annual local *Purimshpil* (Purim play).

That Jewish mother's outcry is directed at the actor playing the biblical Joseph, whose brothers have just thrown him into the pit (see Genesis 37) — for the fourth consecutive time, as she sees it.

TOO OFTEN in human affairs the past seems to be not "prologue," as Antonio in Shakespeare's *The Tempest* II.1 puts it, but the entire script for our conduct of "what to come," which, Antonio believes, is "in yours and my discharge."

Too often the past seems to be a script that we follow unthinkingly of the disasters to which the follies recorded in it led us.

Too often we are like that *Purimshpil* Joseph, following the script that mandates that he come to that same spot every year to be thrown into the pit by his envious brothers.

Too often we seem to remember the past to reflexively repeat our follies rather than to avoid repeating them, as philosopher George Santayana suggests (*The Life of Reason*).

Too often it seems that the truth is rather, as Georg Hegel puts it, "that people and governments never have learned anything from history, or acted on principles deduced from it" (*Philosophy of History*).

A SECOND parable:

The Roman statesman Cato the Elder (second century BCE) said concerning farming that "if you do one thing late, you will be late in all your work."

This principle surely applies not to farming alone, but to all the human pursuits I can think of,

including statesmanship.

That may be why Frank Owen, *Esquire* editor of the *Tory Lord Beaverbrook's London Evening Standard* in the middle decades of our century, chose "Cato" as his pen-name. Under that name he wrote, among other works, *Guilty Men*, in 1940.

In this little book he surveys the series of criminal follies British prime ministers Stanley Baldwin and his successor, Neville Chamberlain, and members of their cabinets perpetrated in the years leading up to World War II.

Their acts and failures included not preparing the country for the war that was clearly coming and letting partisan electoral considerations override urgent national considerations.

"Cato" also describes the naive faith of Chamberlain and company that constant appeasement of "Herr Hitler" would persuade him to keep his word despite his record of repeatedly breaking it.

The Baldwin and Chamberlain policies, of course, encouraged Germany's chancellor in his steady march of conquest.

One episode "Cato" describes is Baldwin's response to Hitler's proclamation in March 1935 of universal conscription and his announcement that Germany now had an air force equal to Britain's.

Baldwin responded by making two conflicting promises. He told Parliament that "No government in this country could live a day that was content to have an air force of any inferiority to any country within striking distance of our shores."

A little later, when a general election was in the offing, he told the Peace Society: "I give you my word that there will be no great armaments."

There was no end to the naïveté of Chamberlain, who succeeded Baldwin in 1937. (Was it naïveté, or did he have a severe case of eunuchophilia, a peaceful

state of mind brought on by a pleasant dream?)

Shortly after Chamberlain returned from Munich in September 1938 and declared that he had acquired from Hitler "peace for our time... peace with honor," he attended a dinner party. An oppositionist guest reminded Chamberlain of Hitler's string of broken promises and asked:

"Prime Minister, in the face of all these things, do you not feel a twinge of doubt about Hitler's promises?"

Chamberlain replied "with complete gravity: 'Ah, but this time he promised me.'"

Two weeks after Munich, on Sunday, October 2, 1938, the Germans marched into Sudetenland. That day the Roman Catholic primate of Bohemia ordered a prayer said in all churches, saying, *inter alia*:

"...The land of St. Wenceslas has just been invaded by foreign armies.... This sacrifice has been imposed... by our ally, France, and our friend, Britain. The Primate of the ancient Kingdom of Bohemia is praying to God Almighty that the peace efforts prompting this terrible sacrifice will be crowned by permanent success, and, should they not, he is praying to the Almighty to forgive all those who impose this injustice on the people of Czechoslovakia."

"Cato" finishes the book with the following prayer:

"The Nation is united to a man in its desire to prosecute the war in total form: there must be a similar unity in the national confidence. Let the guilty men retire, then, of their own volition, and so make an essential contribution to the victory upon which all are implacably resolved."

I'm sure I need not spell out the moral of these two parables.

(I thank Prof. Cyril Domb of Jerusalem for bringing *Guilty Men* to my attention. He tells me that although "Cato" Owen was a staunch Laborite, the no-*testis-staunch* *Tory Beaverbrook* had him as editor because he respected his professional integrity. At that time these qualities still mattered here and there.)

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SHABBAT SHALOM

SHLOMO RISKIN

"And God called to Moses, and spoke to him out of the Tent of Meeting, saying: 'Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: "When any man of you bring a sacrifice to God..." (Lev. 1:2)

WHAT does it mean to be human? Are we the social animal of Aristotle, or the thinking being of Descartes?

I would like to suggest that the opening verses of *Leviticus* present us with a different idea of what it means to be human: "I sacrifice, therefore I am."

This is surprising because we are presumably searching for a universal definition, and the sacrificial cult detailed in *Leviticus* is generally regarded as being rather parochial.

Yet *Leviticus* begins with a command which could be the theme of all life: "When any man of you shall bring from themselves a sacrifice to God from the cattle, from the herd, or from the flock..." (Lev. 1:2)

"When any man [adam] of you" doesn't do justice to the original Hebrew. "When they shall bring from themselves a sacrifice," is how it should read. Adam, after all, evokes the first man who ever lived, and from whom every single person is descended. Adam is also the root

word of *adamah*, earth, from which all life emanates.

Hence, the Torah is teaching that the essence of the human being is his need, and his ability, to sacrifice. Only the human being is aware of his own limitations and mortality. And since Adam is aware of the painful reality that no matter how strong, powerful or brilliant he may be, he will ultimately be vanquished by death, his only hope is to link himself to a Being and a cause which was there before he was born and which will be there after he dies.

Most people amass wealth and material goods in order to enjoy them in a physical, here-and-now sense. But mortality teaches that our material possessions do not really belong to us; one day we will be forced to leave them and the entire world behind.

HENCE THE real paradox: only those objects which we commit to a higher cause — which we give to God, to His temple, to His Study Hall, to His home for the sick, to His haven for the poor — only those are truly ours, because they enable us to live beyond our limited lifetime.

Only that which we sacrifice is really ours! I may die, but to the extent that I devoted my life to causes that will not die, then I also live on. Sacrifice makes it possible to bathe in the light of eternity.

Jewish history, and the City of Jerusalem, emanate from this fundamental truth, present in God's command to Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac on Mt. Moriah, the Temple Mount. Isaac was the first *olah*, or whole burnt offering.

In effect, God was teaching Abraham that his new-found faith would only endure in history if he were willing to commit his future to it. In his willingness to make that sacrifice, Abraham secured his religion's, and his own, eternity.

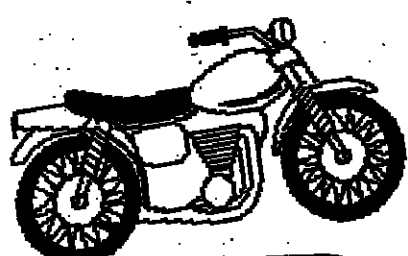
And by means of the seminal story of the *akedah*, the Bible teaches that the most significant sacrifices involve our own selves, our time and our effort, our intellects and our unique abilities. People must sacrifice "mikem," from themselves. (Lev. 1:2) Giving a child a check is hardly as significant as giving a gift of our time, of our personalities, of our thoughts and our struggles.

And this, too, God teaches Abraham. God ultimately instructs him not to slay Isaac, but to allow him to live, because the greatest sacrifice we can make is not in dying for God but rather in living in accordance with His commands.

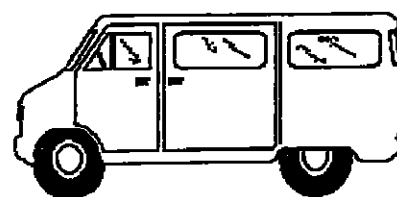
Strangely enough, Rashi suggests another reason for the *adam* in our text. The Bible is teaching that just as the first human being never sacrificed stolen goods — since everything in the world belonged to him — so are we prohibited from sacrificing anything stolen. Such a lesson certainly protects Jewish society against a Robin Hood mentality; we must always pursue justice by means of justice (*zedek zedek tirdof*).

But perhaps Rashi is protecting us against an even more appealing danger inherent in the idealization of sacrifice. We can only sacrifice objects or characteristics which technically belong to us. We dare not sacrifice innocent human beings, even if we believe that such a sacrifice will prevent the future murder of Jews. Our lives belong to God, and we dare not steal that which is His.

The book of *Leviticus* details the sacrifices in the Holy Temple. It also helps us discover not only what it means to be a Jew, but what it means to be a human being. *Shabbat Shalom*



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North-South vulnerable

North	South
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♥ AKJ98	♥ 106	♥ Q7532	♥ -
♦ -	♦ -	♦ -	♦ -
♣ -	♣ -	♣ -	♣ -

West	North	East	South
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♥ -	♥ -	♥ -	♥ -
♦ -	♦ -	♦ -	♦ -
♣ -	♣ -	♣ -	♣ -

Opening lead: ♠A

WE made four spades doubled when the opponents had a cold small slam," said a proud Scottish lad after a session of bridge at the recent Israeli International Bridge Festival.

"We can top that," replied his friend. "We made four spades doubled when the other side had a cold grand slam, which was bid and made at several tables."

No doubt bridge players from Scotland (or anywhere for that matter) like to outdo each other, but these particular Scots could have been talking about their children as well. During one dinner conversation, I heard the same two men discussing the fact that their children are studying at yeshivot here in Israel.

"My son," said the first, "has been in Jerusalem for almost a year now, but then is planning to return to Glasgow." "Well, I have two children living in Israel," said the other, "and if the third decides to come here, that's it for us - we'll also make the move!"

The earlier repartee was reported to me by Patrick Jourdain, of Wales, who edits the *International Bridge Press Bulletin*. Jourdain was on his first visit to Israel and partnered with Victor Silverstone (the one with three children) in the dramatic deal in this week's diagram. East and South passed, and West opened the bidding with one heart.

Jourdain, sitting North, overcalled two clubs and East jumped to four hearts. It was suggested later that East should have jumped to four clubs instead. This "splinter" bid would have described a singleton or void in clubs and allowed West to picture the hand better. A slam or even a grand slam might have been reached.

At the very least, the splinter would have helped them to avoid disaster in the defense of four spades doubled. This became the final contract after Silverstone bid four spades on his light but shapely South hand.

West led the ace of hearts, and East played his lowest, hoping for a club switch. West led a second red ace, and again East played his lowest. Now West tried the king of diamonds and that led to -790. Declarer was able to play on trumps and lost only three aces. West, of course, had no idea that East was void in clubs, which is why a jump to four clubs by East would have helped the defense. The deal was duplicated and played at nearly 100 tables. At many tables, East-West scored +1510, playing a grand slam in hearts or diamonds.

Jourdain was delighted with his result and confided in me afterwards that some angry words in Hebrew were rapidly exchanged between the East-West players directly after the hand.

"Though I remember only a few words of Hebrew from my traditional classics studies in high school," Jourdain said, "these particular words could be translated without knowing the language."



A 'common octopus' propels itself into a nook, where it rests in between meals. (Werner Braun)

In an octopus's garden

ALL along the Mediterranean coast there is a fascinating world of marine life.

One of the most interesting sea creatures is the common octopus (*Octopus vulgaris* in Latin, *amnun hahof* in Hebrew), found throughout the Atlantic Ocean and all waters connected with it, such as the Mediterranean. Some have moved, via the Suez Canal, to the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean.

The octopus derives its name from the eight strong arms that surround its central mantle. These highly prehensile arms, each equipped with a double row of small suction cups, serve the multiple purposes of locomotion,

hunting and capturing prey, and even reproduction.

Octopuses, or octopi, as the some call them, live in nooks along rocky coasts where they are well camouflaged by rocky debris and shells.

Their cave-like nooks have ledges or similar places on which they rest for long periods, emerging to hunt fish and crustaceans when hungry.

They return to their "caves" when sated, or faced with danger. Only during the breeding season do they spend extended periods in the open water. Then they tend to keep close to the bottom of shallow water. When alarmed, they jet toward the surface, emitting a cloud of black ink liquid that conceals them.

When only slightly alarmed, or sexually stimulated, they display rapid and quite drastic color changes from their usual marbled brown-tan to greens and blues and even lavender hues.

When the roving male octopus finds a suitable female he approaches cautiously while displaying color changes. When she seems acquiescent, he inserts small bundles of sperm into her mantle-opening with one of his arms.

The female, who breeds only once in her life (in the spring when she is about a year old), then lays some 1,500 eggs in rock clefts. Each egg is attached to a pedicle that anchors it to the rock.

The mother guards the eggs until they hatch, at which point the baby octopuses are left to feed on plankton and to shelter among rocks and seaweed.

Not all the eggs hatch, and of those that do, only a handful of baby octopuses reach maturity. Predation is severe, and human hunters take a toll, especially along the shores of those countries in which octopus is considered a delicacy.

The life span of these marine animals is short. Females usually die in their second year, males by their third, although the males do reproduce more than once.

A stubborn defense

CHESS

NIGEL DAVIES

FINDING a good defense against White's sharpest opening move, 1.e4, is by no means an easy matter. I for one am getting sick of defending against the Spanish (1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5), and the sharp lines of the Sicilian Defense (1.e4 c5) are not everyone's cup of tea. The Caro-Kann (1.e4 e6) tends to be a little passive for most people's taste and most experts consider defenses such as Alekhine's (1.e4 Nf6) and the Modern (1.e4 g6) just a bit too provocative.

After reading Wolfgang Uhlmann's new book, *Winning With The French*, I wonder if I should join the likes of Viktor Korchnoi, Evgeny Bareev, Mikhail Gurevich and Alexei Dreiev by including this most stubborn of defenses in my repertoire. Uhlmann's book, published by the London-based B.T. Batsford, is certainly a good basis for study.

The following game was played at the 1951 East German Under-16 championships and shows why Uhlmann developed such an attachment to this opening. In his hands it looks more like a French attack than a French Defense.

Bialas - Uhlmann
French Defense
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nf7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Qb6 8.N3 cxd4 9.cxd4 f6 10.exf6 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Nxf6 12.0-0 0-0 13.a3 Bb6 14.b4 c5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Bc3

17...Bxb2+! 18.Kxh2 Ng4+ 19.Kg3 Rxf2! 20.Bd2 Ne3 21.Rxf2 Qd6+ 22.Kf3 Bg4+ 23.Kxe3 Qe5+ 0-1

EVENTS SCHEDULED to take place at the Bikuzei Haim Center in Heftman St., Tel Aviv are as follows. On Purim (March 16) there will be junior tournaments in the morning with registration at 9 a.m. and an entry fee of NIS 15. In the evening there will be an open blitz tournament with prizes of NIS 1,000, NIS 600,

NIS 400, NIS 250, NIS 150, and NIS 100 plus book prizes. Registration is from 4:30 p.m., the tournament begins at 6 p.m. and the entry fee is NIS 25.

On April 7, starting at 9 a.m., the center will host the Tel Aviv Junior Championships. The entry fee is NIS 15. There will also be a simultaneous display given by a grand master.

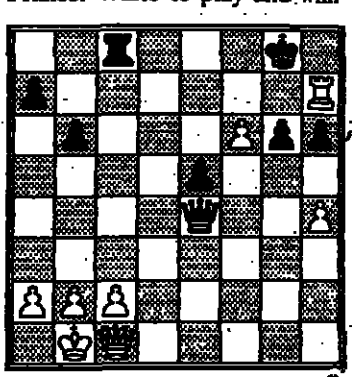
During Pessah the center will host Tel Aviv's 10th International Chess Festival with events running April 11-22. The festival comprises a closed category four or five tournament, the Israel Under-16 championship (an invitation Swiss), and the Israel Under-20 championship for girls (also an invitation Swiss).

The centerpiece of the festival will be the Israel Open Championship (April 12-22) which has a prize fund of NIS 20,000 and a first prize of NIS 6,000. Players must have at least a 1,800 rating to enter. The entry fee is NIS 80 or NIS 50 for soldiers, pensioners etc. The deadline for registration is April 2 at the offices of the Israel Chess Federation, 45 Rehov Haaliya, Tel Aviv.

There will be a shorter open tournament (April 16-20) for players rated under 2,000 with a trophy and chess equipment prizes. Games will take place daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The deadline for registration is April 2 at the Bikuzei Haim Center, 6 Heftman St., Tel Aviv.

Further details on all these events can be obtained from Yochanan Afek (03-5236045) or Rammy Tal (03-5043612).

THIS WEEK'S problem is from a game Bologan - Relange from a recent tournament in Belfort, France. White to play and win.

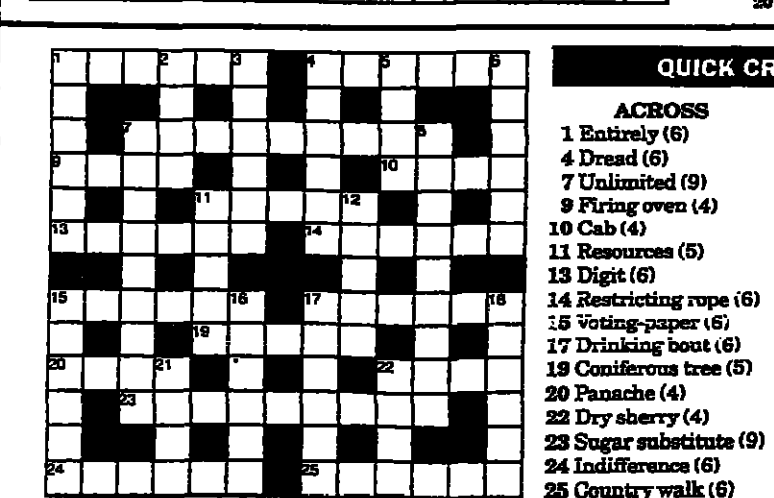
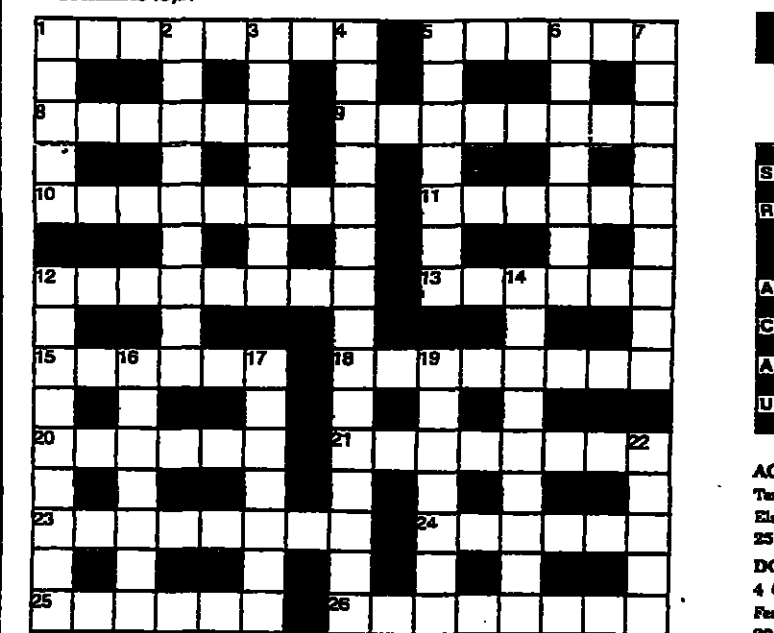


Solution: White's next move is 1.Rh8+; Black then resigned immediately. If 1...Kxh8 there is 2.Qxb6+ Kg8 3.Qg7 mate and 1...Kf7 loses the rook on c8.

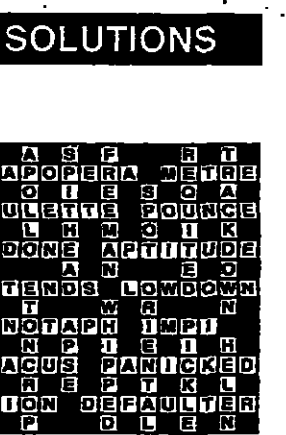


CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Wrote notes when calm (8)
 - Overtaken in a race through being drunk (6)
 - Israeli leader about to conclude business (6)
 - Against the current top division (8)
 - Scot and his doctor display male assertiveness (8)
 - Following a small three-masted schooner (6)
 - Contemplating a creature chewing the cud (8)
 - Pretend to be in spam just as a play (6)
 - Bitterly regret mental breakdown (6)
 - Discharge from an Eastern embassy (8)
 - Order paintings to be stored in Germany (8)
 - Satisfactory absence of Socialists (3,5)
- DOWN**
- Entrance made by marines after tea (5)
 - Mixed-drink product proves the point of the story (5-4)
 - A new SAS manoeuvre in Wales (7)



- Legalised narcotic in little demand (4,2,3,6)
- Dramatic conclusion to the Spaniards' diplomacy (4,3)
- Exhibit here (7)
- Black Friar from the West Indies (9)
- Embarrassed about envy being banished (9)
- Attic sage disposed to make criticisms (9)
- Cocktail that can be imbibed by French husband (7)
- Ground coach without hesitation (7)
- I shall appeal to the male sex—a bad sign (3,4)
- Put one's foot down when it's time to study (5)



Yesterday's Quick Solution
ACROSS: 1. Sanity, 4. Claws, 8. Limit, 9. Tension, 10. Earnest, 11. Toss, 12. Elk, 14. Elze, 15. Echo, 16. Dm, 21. Alan, 22. Carbone, 23. Repulse, 24. Saxon, 27. Delve, 28. Asleep.
DOWN: 1. Salver, 2. Numeral, 3. Tattered, 4. Cant, 5. Agile, 6. Sentry, 7. State, 13. Fearless, 16. Habit, 17. Sacred, 19. Ocean, 20. Turnip, 22. Appeal, 24. Ripa.

QUICK CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Entirely (6)
 - Dread (5)
 - Unlimited (9)
 - Firing oven (4)
 - Cab (4)
 - Resources (5)
 - Digit (6)
 - Restricting rope (6)
 - Voting paper (6)
 - Drinking bout (6)
 - Coniferous tree (5)
 - Panache (4)
 - Dry cherry (4)
 - Sugar substitute (9)
 - Indifference (6)
 - Country walk (6)
- DOWN**
- Debilitate (6)
 - Crazy person (4)
 - Over there (6)
 - Innate aptitude (6)
 - Repose (4)
 - Slender sword (6)
 - Innocent (9)
 - Supreme Hebrew council (9)
 - Fine claret (5)
 - Underground drain (5)
 - Gautama Siddhartha (6)
 - Irritable (6)
 - Eastern market (6)
 - Raw recruit (6)
 - Step (4)
 - Thin coating (4)

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Come, have fun and help a good cause. Tickets, available from the museum, are NIS 35. On Tuesday, April 18, our Pessah Handicrafts Fair takes place in Ra'anana, in cooperation with the municipality. We'll have more than 110 stalls selling thousands of original creations in every price range.

The fair site is the beautiful Ra'anana Sports Hall, on the cor-

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Ponce de Leon was right: Puerto Rico is a 'rich port'

A visit to the island often called America's 51st state begins and ends in its capital - San Juan, Chris Kaltenbach writes

SAN Juan, one of the oldest capital cities in the Western Hemisphere, shows its age in narrow, cramped streets, massive stone forts and centuries-old churches.

First settled in the early 16th century, Puerto Rico's capital and largest city is the place to start your explorations of the island.

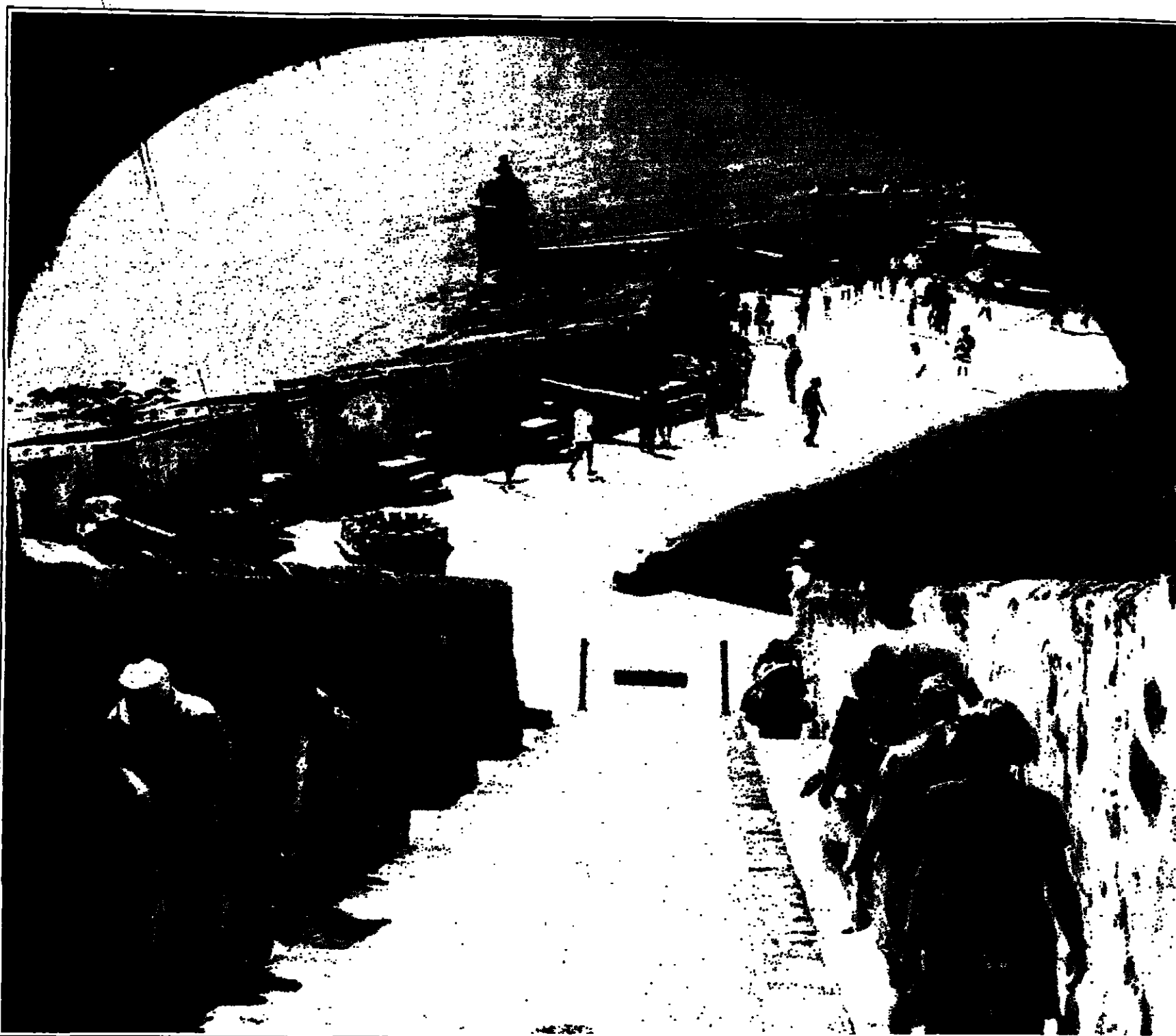
Many interesting sites are across the horizon in Old San Juan, a seven-square-block area dating to 1521 that is partially enclosed by walls built by Spanish settlers. Because streets on this island are so narrow, cars are best left elsewhere. Try taking a taxi into town, or hop on the Catano Ferry.

Two huge stone forts, Castillo El Morro and Fort San Cristobal, dominate the island's western and eastern edge respectively. Both are part of San Juan National Historic Site and can be toured for free.

El Morro, begun in 1540, encompasses more than 200 acres, much of it open space where squealing schoolchildren and darting lizards vie for attention. Rising more than 140 feet into the air, its batteries offer graphic testimony to the fort's military importance. Over the centuries, numerous conquering armies tried to wrest El Morro from the Spanish including the English under Sir Francis Drake in 1595 and the Americans in 1898. (The United States did gain control of Puerto Rico after the Spanish-American War in 1898. But not because it was the defenders of El Morro, who stood their ground even while Spain was faring poorly elsewhere.)

About 2 km. east of El Morro sits the equally imposing San Cristobal, begun in 1634. Although smaller than its older sibling, San Cristobal is actually a more inviting tourist destination. It won't take all day to tour, it's usually less crowded and its views out into the Atlantic are just as spectacular.

If possible, take advantage of the guided tours offered by park rangers. You'll hear tales of the long hours guards were forced to spend in the cliff-side sentry boxes, be taken through the tunnels used by soldiers traveling from one part of the fort to another and maybe even be shown the Formosa plants growing on the parade grounds.



El Morro, one of two stone forts in Old San Juan, was coveted by both the English and the Americans over the centuries. (Robert Hamilton/Baltimore Sun)

Also known as sensitive plants, the small green stalks fold in on themselves and fall gently to the ground when touched.

And while Spanish seems the language of preference among the natives, most speak enough English to help visitors. Almost all tourist attractions and hotels have staff fluent in English.

Take a few hours and wander through the streets of Old San Juan.

Walking tours are outlined in pamphlets available at the airport and all

major hotels. A few sites not to be missed: La Fortaleza, the governor's mansion and seat of Puerto Rico's government for four centuries; Casa Blanca, the restored home of the family of 16th-century explorer Ponce de Leon (first governor of Puerto Rico and seeker of the fabled Fountain of Youth); now a museum of life in the 16th and 17th centuries; and the Iglesia de San Jose (San Jose Church), dating from 1532.

Also be sure to visit some of the old

city's numerous craft shops, galleries, restaurants and bars. Some of the best roads for browsing and dining are Calle Cristo, Calle San Francisco and Calle San Jose.

If you're visiting Puerto Rico, chances are you're staying in San Juan, home to the majority of the island's hotels (although two of the choicest resorts, the Hyatt Regency Cerromar Beach and the Hyatt Dorado Beach, are actually about 56 km. west of San Juan, near Dorado). Several of the

city's hotels offer private beaches, but to really experience surf and sand Puerto Rico-style, rent a car and leave San Juan.

The island is encircled by two major routes: Route 2, which borders the western half, and Route 3, which runs along the eastern half. Route 1 bisects the eastern half of the island, running from San Juan to Ponce, while Route 10 serves the western half, connecting Arecibo to Ponce. Almost anything worth visiting - such as the island's

"balnearios" or public bathing resorts - is within a few kilometers of these four roads.

The balnearios offer dressing rooms and picnic grounds. Some of the finest are located in or adjacent to the towns of Guanica, Vega Baja, Dorado, Cataño, Isla Verde and Vieques. Most are closed on Mondays.

Luquillo, on the island's eastern edge, may have the most beautiful beach of all, and supervised horseback rides that will take you there are available at nearby Hacienda Carabali.

The balnearios also offer the added attraction of being genuinely public beaches. Access is unrestricted, so visitors get a good idea of what island life is all about.

Isabela, a small coastal city on the island's northwestern shore, offers scenery typical of most Puerto Rican towns - quiet walks along the sea wall, a central plaza surrounding a monument or fountain, small restaurants offering inexpensive, basic food, and variety stores where you can buy tiny clay "coqui" (frogs native to Puerto Rico) for a quarter.

Some visitors who tire of the beach try something a little different - a tropical rain forest.

Caribbean National Rain Forest is a 27,700-acre preserve administered by the US Forest Service.

Situated off Route 3 about 40 km. east of San Juan and known locally as El Yunque, the name of a 1,000-meter peak that dominates the area, the forest is crisscrossed by hiking trails and hundreds of tiny streams.

If you decide to spend some time in El Yunque, be prepared to get wet. Afternoon showers are almost automatic here. At upper elevations, the forest soaks up some 5,000 mm. of rainfall every year.

Also be prepared to be impressed. Lush vegetation - towering trees, massive ferns, dense patches of moss - is the order of the day at El Yunque. Waterfalls, too, can be found almost everywhere.

The best place to start your visit is at the Sierra Palm Visitor Center, at kilometer marker 11.6. There, audio-visual exhibits will explain the natural wonders of El Yunque. Park rangers, fluent in English, can help tailor an itinerary. End the day with a visit to one of the island's casinos, located within hotels such as the Caribe Hilton in San Juan, the Sands in Isla Verde or the Clarion in Miramar.

By the end of your stay, you'll no doubt find yourself agreeing with Ponce de Leon, who gave the island its name by exclaiming, *Que puerto rico!* - What a rich port! For more information, contact the Puerto Rico Tourism Co. at 565 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10017, (800) 223-6530; or contact the Tourism Information Center, Luis Munoz Marin International Airport, Isla Verde, Puerto Rico, (809) 791-1014.

(The Baltimore Sun)

A few tips on tipping Cruises for the wealthy and not-so-wealthy around the world

BARBARA SHEA
NEW YORK

YOU'RE about to check out of your inn and, while scanning the room for overlooked items, you notice an envelope on the bureau. On it is written in youthful script: "Thank you. Your housekeeper, Kimberly."

Do you ignore it - and agonize all day about denying some hard-working high-school girl a couple of dollars for her college fund (forget the fact that she hasn't yet quite mastered the art of bed-making)? Or do you leave cash - perhaps too much if you're fresh out of singles - and then kick yourself for giving in to the vacation version of extortion?

It's one thing to reward a cab driver who has just defied all odds and gotten you to the airport with 60 seconds to spare. But who else deserves a tip? Under what circumstances? And how much?

In many countries, a service charge is often included in hotel and meal bills. At restaurants this is so routine it may not be explained on the bill - which often results in a double tip from unknowing tourists. (Though it's unlikely the error will be called to your attention, you can take some comfort in the fact that locals usually leave some small change to fund off a bill to the next highest franc or peseta even when service is included.)

When service isn't included, 15 percent generally stands as the benchmark for waiters around the world, depending on the quality of the service, you can edge up from there (rarely will things be bad enough to warrant going down). While I don't penalize the wait for overcooked vegetables and undercooked meat, I do try to send a message that what's on the plate has some bearing on what's left under it. Waiters generally pool their tips and peer pressure can work wonders on one who drags down the daily take.

Percentages are rarely fair, however, when you encounter a hierarchy of captains and sommeliers, according to my colleague

on the haute cuisine beat. You really can't tip one of these dignified professionals less than \$10. Far guiding you through a complex French menu or choosing wine from a list as hefty as the Southampton phone book, she says. As for trying to "buy" a table when a restaurant is fully booked "only gangsters do that," my colleague maintains. Top restaurants consider it not only tacky but unconscionable. Maître d's have been fired for accepting bribes, and if you find one who does you can count on being ripped off (having demonstrated you're naive enough to pay for service you haven't yet received).

At the average hotel, most guidebooks agree that a dollar per service generally suffices for doormen, bellmen, room-service waiters and valets. A concierge may warrant \$10 if he or she manages to produce tough-to-get tickets - to a sold-out London show, for example.

As for Kimberly and her cohorts on the housekeeping staff, the consensus seems to be that unless you receive some special service, a tip isn't necessary if you stay only one night. But if you've spent a weekend or longer - requiring the staff to gingerly dust and sweep around your belongings as well as straighten the bed - leave an amount equal to roughly \$1 or \$2 a day.

On cruises, where the extent of service tends to equate that in a luxury hotel, the Cruise Lines International Association suggests \$2.50 to \$3 per person daily for cabin stewards and waiters.

The same might hold true for a tour escort. If the person has been a virtual round-the-clock companion during the course of your trip, which can make giving a gratuity awkward, you can offer to buy a drink or a nice dinner - as you might do with a friend who has done you a favor. You don't even have to go along. Just casually hand over an envelope and say, "You made my trip so enjoyable, I'd like you to enjoy a special evening with your wife/husband/date." (Newsday)

THE cruise liner *World Renaissance* is offering a six-day package in April, sailing around the Greek and Turkish islands. Prices start at \$555 per person in a double cabin, rising to \$999 per person for a suite. These prices are good for those reserving before March 15.

The ship has bars, a disco, casino, swimming pools, athletic facilities, duty-free shops, and five meals a day. The cruise leaves Haifa on April 11.

FOR THOSE willing to spend a lot more money for a cruise, the English luxury liner *Silverwind* will be setting sail from Israel in April for the first time. The cost of an 11-day cruise from Haifa to

Venice, including return air fare in business class from Italy, is \$5,290.

For this price, say the organizers, you get all the regular cruise amenities - food, entertainment, transportation - plus the "ultimate" in luxury, from gourmet food and silver cutlery, to a Jacuzzi in each suite, and a butler who will unpack, iron and hang up your clothes. The price includes everything, even drinks and tips. Gambling at the casino, however, is extra.

A DIFFERENT type of trip is being offered by Geographical Tours-Neot Hakikar to Jordan. The two packages on offer are "A weekend in Petra and Edom"

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and "Five days from Gilead to the Red Sea."

The first leaves from Aqaba on March 16 and, for \$517, includes transportation, including airfare to Aqaba, accommodations and entrance fees.

The other leaves from the Allenby Bridge on March 15 and goes to Amman, via Jarash. This trip ends in Petra, arriving there by way of the ancient city of Ma'daba, Mount Nebo and the Arnon River Canyon. The price of this trip, including accommodations, entrance fees and transportation, is \$575.

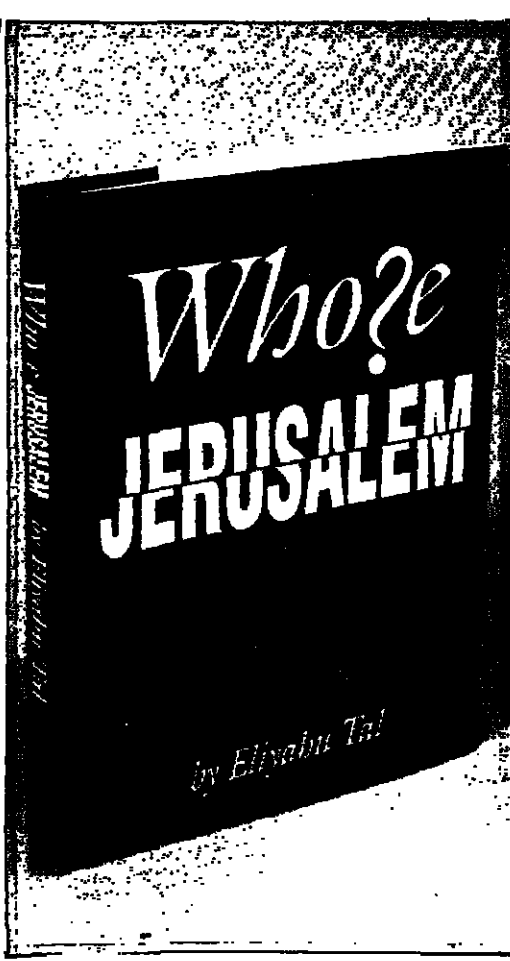
FARTHER AFIELD, Geographical Tours-Neot Hakikar is offering a 21-day tour of Indonesia and Singapore in March, April, May and June for \$4,395, including air fare, land transportation and accommodations. This trip includes stops in Sumatra, Java and Bali.

THE INAUGURATION of an El Al line to Seoul in April is leading to all kinds of deals to Korea. Natour is offering three nights in Seoul, for those who want "a taste of the Far East," for \$824. The price includes round-trip fare and accommodations.

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IF YOU'RE looking for a weekend getaway in Europe, Mega Tours is offering a three-day package to Rome starting at \$419, for a single in a double room. The price includes El Al flight to Rome, accommodations and continental breakfasts. The prices are good until the end of the month.

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His words are fire to burn the shackles of the mind

Experience imposes the themes, but the act of writing is a novelist's freedom, Mario Vargas Llosa, winner of an award here, tells Helen Kaye

TALKING with eminent writers can be a scary proposition, but Peruvian novelist Mario Vargas Llosa dispels fears with the first warm-voiced words over the phone from his London home.

As a former journalist he has a soft spot for the breed, he says, and he's looking forward to his return visit to this country. He has fond memories of the few weeks he spent at Mishkenot Sha'ananim in Jerusalem, lecturing at the Hebrew University on Latin American literature in general and on his own books in particular.

His novels have won this year's Jerusalem Prize for the Freedom of the Individual in Society. Vargas Llosa will receive the prize in person at a special ceremony on March 15 at the International Book Fair in Jerusalem.

His fiction is characterized by a panoramic vision, inventive techniques, complex story line and high standards of style and narration, the judges' citation says.

His stories and novels are of peoples' struggles for dignity, self-expression and justice. "Literature is fire," he's often said, and at one time he meant it to be

the true kindling for revolutions. He still thinks that literature is fire, but not "in terms of the committed literature of the early years, and I don't think its effect can be planned as we thought in the '50s."

"Literature operates more indirectly," he says. "It's an activity which encourages criticism of society, and it has an effect on life. I've never thought of literature as entertainment."

"It helps people think, and people who are impregnated with the imaginary life of literature are more difficult to enslave. Power easily manipulates the ignorant. I'm sure that Israeli writers think like I do. These shared urgencies of society make the most original literature."

His books are translated into many languages and have won a slew of prestigious literary prizes. The most recent is the Cervantes prize for all his writing and the Santiago de Compostela for his 1992 novel *Lituma in the Andes*.

Put simply, Vargas Llosa's work is about how humans long for, talk about, use and abuse freedom - physical, mental and emotional. Their themes "are related to the traumatic experi-

ences of my youth and childhood, although not in any Freudian sense," muses the author. "It's just that this is a very basic period to develop the themes of writing and of life. That's why I'm still writing of the places where I lived so many years ago."

His generation grew to adulthood under the brutal and corrupt military dictatorship of General Manuel Odría, who ruled Peru from 1948 to 1956, the year before Vargas Llosa graduated from Lima's San Marcos University.

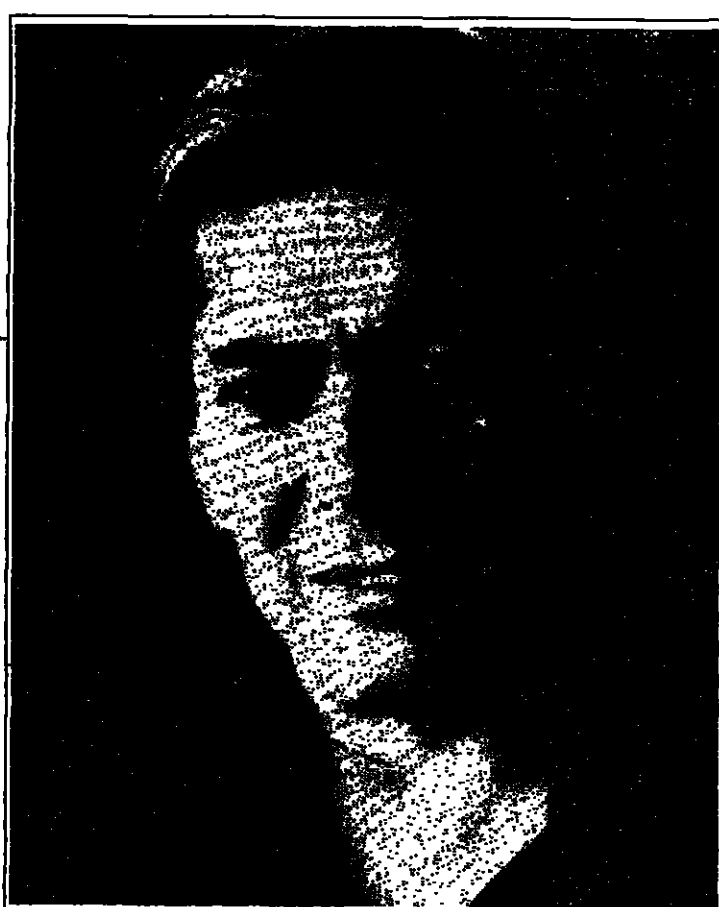
He was born in the southern Peruvian town of Arequipa, but the family moved to Bolivia soon after. Separated for some years, the parents reconciled when Vargas Llosa was 11 and returned to Peru, settling in Lima.

An only child, Vargas Llosa says of himself that he was "imaginative and a voracious, precocious reader. I started to write very young, and the imaginary life I created was my best companion."

His serious writing started during his university years. Against his parents' wishes he went to San Marcos rather than the traditional and conservative Catholic University which the country's upper classes mostly attended.

San Marcos "was very popular," he says. "It had a reputation for militancy and anti-traditionalism, so you might say that I had a critical attitude from the beginning."

Vigorous socialist-inspired political activism (he became disillusioned with socialist ideology in the '70s) didn't stop his studies or his writing.



Mario Vargas Llosa: Literature encourages criticism of society. I've never thought of literature as entertainment.

In 1958 he graduated, won a full scholarship to Madrid's Complutense University and won what he calls a small literary prize for a volume of short stories published in Spain but written while he was still at San Marcos.

That was his second prize. The first was a trip to Paris from a French periodical for his book *The Challenge*.

After getting his doctorate in Romance languages, he went back to Paris in 1959 and lived

there until 1964 with commutes to Peru. In 1965, he spent some time in Castro's Cuba. The next three years he lived and studied in London and the US. In 1970 it was back to Barcelona, returning to Lima in 1974.

But "in all those years abroad I'd spend part of every year at home," he says. "It was a schizophrenic life which I liked very much, because it's indicative of how close I am to both European and Latin American culture, and Latin culture has its roots in Europe."

In Peru, Vargas Llosa gradually moved from political activism, especially on behalf of the country's large native Indian population, to politics itself because, in 1987 he thought "the atmosphere was right for the liberal reforms I have always advocated."

These included opening the economy and privatization, moves he had been vigorously advocating in newspaper articles since the 1970s. "Now it's not very original, but then it was quite new," he says.

In 1990 he ran for president on the same liberal reform platform and was defeated by Alberto Fujimori in a particularly violent campaign during which the Shining Path (Peru's Maoist rebels) killed more than 100 of his supporters.

But "I wasn't any more afraid than the average Peruvian, because we all lived in the shadow of political violence during those years," Vargas Llosa says.

"There was an anarchic atmosphere during the last years of the '80s, with two million percent inflation between 1985-90. It's very

funny. Fujimori won by attacking my program, and now he's had to implement some of it."

Vargas Llosa has not returned to Peru since what he terms the 1992 coup in which Fujimori suspended the constitution and fired the judiciary.

Today's Peru is, ironically, an oddity in Latin America, he says. It has returned to a dictatorship in a rapidly democratizing region.

No longer an active politician, Vargas Llosa is very much an active writer and teacher. He holds the Simon Bolivar Chair at Cambridge and the Robert Kennedy Chair at Harvard, and also teaches all around the globe.

"My writing hasn't changed that much. I just have less time to do it," he quips. He writes a home in the morning and in the reading room of the British Museum in the afternoon; first longhand and then on a computer.

"Memories and images are a writer's raw material, and themes are imposed on him by experience. The freedom is in writing, which is a very mysterious process. I try to tell the stories that come from my memory in a persuasive way. The object of subject is not a rational process."

He leaves it to others to interpret his work, because "I don't really know the face I see in the mirror."

He is writing a new book, but "I have many many more waiting. I'm convinced I will live long enough to write fifty titles, so I'm getting as much as I can."

Talk-show host Gazit: At long last, congratulations are in order

GRAPEVINE

GREER FAY CASHMAN

CONTINUITY HAS been established by the Tel Aviv District Court for television talk show host Gabi Gazit, to whom friends can now say a belated mazal tov on the birth last December of his son Gal. The infant's mother, hotel receptionist Michal Galili, when still pregnant, named Gazit as the father of her child. Gazit, divorced and childless at the time, denied the allegation, but eventually agreed to a DNA test at Hadassah University Hospital. The paternity test came out 99 percent positive, and the baby's mother has announced her intention to register him under his father's surname.

Although Gazit has agreed to acknowledge his son, he was not prepared to pay the NIS 4,000 per month which Galili requested in child support. Judge Amos Zamir also thought the sum excessive and ruled for half that amount. Gazit may discover that the joys of fatherhood will grow on him just as they did on fellow celebrity Dudu Topaz, whose first son was also the subject of a paternity dispute.

IN THE interests of so-called objectivity, Israel Television's Middle East commentator Ehud Ya'ari hesitates to publicly identify himself as a Labor man. But the constraints that he places upon himself at home apparently do not apply abroad. Addressing a group of Australian Zionists in Melbourne last month, Ya'ari

several times said "I am Labor." Ya'ari had personal as well as professional reasons for being down under. His wife, Dagmar Strauss, is an Australian.

Australian Jews were treated in the same week to a four-day visit by Jerusalem mayor Ehud Olmert, who was the guest of honor at a sumptuous garden party hosted by Executive Council of Australian Jewry President Isi Leibler and his wife, Naomi. Guests included Israel Ambassador Yehuda Avner and his wife, Mimi, who specially flew from Canberra to Melbourne.

NOW THAT he's chairman of the Jewish Agency, Avraham Burg no longer shuns sartorial splendor. When he was chairman of the Knesset Education Committee, he sported sweaters and open-necked shirts. These days he wears a jacket and tie.

THOUGH HERE for more than a year, Australian Ambassador Peter Rogers and his wife, Sandy, threw their housewarming party only this week. The reason for the delay was the reconstruction of the ambassadorial residence, the first steps for which were taken by Rogers' predecessor, William Fisher. Guests who had attended previous events at the Herzliya abode were in for a surprise. The interior of the house has been completely rebuilt and a second story added.

WHEN THE Belzer Rebbe, Yisachar Dov Rokeach, 20 years ago personally circumcised his only son, Aharon Mordechai, there was a hue and cry by the media. The son, obviously none the worse for having his father induct



Isi Leibler: Threw a party down under for Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

him into the faith, this week carried on the tradition by performing the brit on his own son, Shalom, who represents the future of the Belz dynasty.

FORMER MUSCOVITES Lucy and Michael Brenner love a challenge. The couple, who moved here in 1973, were among the founders of the ill-fated desert town of Yamit and subsequently helped to found Eilat Sinai. Now, Lucy Brenner, a construction engineer and Michael Brenner, an economist, have established an art village in Jerusalem's Talpiot Industrial Zone to showcase Russian immigrant artists and artisans. The village comprises studios, a gallery, a shop, a stage and a European-style meat restaurant featuring French and Russian cuisine. The project, funded by the Joint Distribution Committee, the Absorption Ministry, the Jewish Agency and the Jerusalem Municipality, held its trial opening last night by way of a concert of Russian folk music. Tickets were bought out entirely by Keren Klita, a volunteer ab-

sorption organization. The opening is scheduled for April 9.

BRITISH ACTOR Peter Ustinov has been to Israel on several occasions - but this time he came to plant a tree. No, it was not a Jewish National Fund affair. Ustinov's grandfather, Baron Plato von Ustinov, a century ago planted two date palms in the garden of Jerusalem's American Colony Hotel, and his grandson added a third.

Another English thespian in Israel this week is Frank Thornton, better known as the prim and proper Captain Peacock in the television comedy series *Are You Being Served?* Thornton is here to make a Morphy Richards commercial for Sarg Electronics, importers of Morphy Richards products.



Yehuda Avner, ambassador to Australia, flew in for the Leiblers' party.

FEAR OF flying has proved to be an expensive phobia for singer Aviv Gefen, who a month ago twice delayed the departure of a British Airways plane from Tel Aviv to London. This time the company asked for a hefty depos-



Daddy Dearest: It seems that Gazit will have to foot a bigger bill than he thought.

it equivalent to NIS 30,000 to ensure that if Gefen's fear got the better of him on the return journey, the airline would at least be compensated.

WHEN SHE died five years ago, Myriam Mendilow, founder of Lifeline for the Old and the Elder Craftsman subsidiary, left as a legacy her belief in providing dignity in old age through work, love and companionship. Some of her American friends and supporters decided to carry on her philosophy by establishing a voluntary, national nonprofit corporation in the US which operates under the title of Myriam's Dream.

The corporation, headed by Linda Kantor of New Haven, Connecticut, provides seed money primarily for senior-citizen programs in Israel, Russia, the Czech Republic, Estonia and small towns in the US. Kantor is currently here with Miriam's Dream treasurer Florence Schiffman of Fort Lee, New Jersey, and educational consultant Dr. Matura Friebaum of Washington, DC, to look at new projects in

greater Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Rehovot, Mateh Yehuda and Afula. "Myriam's motto was 'to be is to do,'" says Kantor, adding that representatives of the 35-member national board come to Israel at least once a year to search out new projects.

SAY SIRKIS in Israel, and the immediate thought association is cook books. But culinary maven Ruth Sirkis and her husband, Rafael, who run their own publishing house, R. Sirkis Publishers, Ltd., have other themes in their catalog. Their children's book, *Enchanted Letters - Hebrew Alphabet in Three-Dimensional Pictures*, has won an Institute for Promotion of Packaging award for its beautiful design. The publication, which will be part of the Beautiful Books display at the



Leah Gottlieb, matriarch of Gottex, will be honored at five-day fashion bash.

Jerusalem International Book Fair, will be sent on to the Frankfurt Book Fair.

MIDDLE EAST mean time is not the order of the day for the 25th anniversary celebrations of

Shenkar College of Fashion and Textile Technology. Invitations for the five-day bash beginning May 21 have already been distributed, just in case the postman comes late. Events include a reception for Shenkar's International Board of Governors hosted by President Weizman, a dinner in tribute to Gottex matriarch Leah Gottlieb, a fashion show at the home of British Ambassador Andrew Burns and brunch at the Caesarea residence of fashion-loverne Lola Beer-Khmer, who is incidentally picking up a tab for most of the festivities.

WHAT DO you give a man for his 84th birthday? Former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek, who turns 84 on May 27, will have a large-scale international Convention Center, formerly known as Bimnei Ha'uma. The official ceremony will be on May 31.

SEVERAL ISRAELIS this week attended the 25th annual Scholom Conference at Brigham Young University in Utah and presented Holocaust-related papers. Yitzhak Arad, former Yad Vashem director, discussed Stalin and the Soviet leadership in the Holocaust context; Nazi hunter Yuvia Freedman disclosed some of his findings in 50 years of research into Nazi crimes; Holocaust survivor and author Hans Greenfield contended that "Mourning increases with time, basing her paper on interviews with people who have only recently discovered how, when and where their parents perished; and Dr. Mordechai Paldiel, director of Yad Vashem's department for honoring Righteous Gentiles, highlighted examples of non-Jews who had risked their own lives to save Jews.

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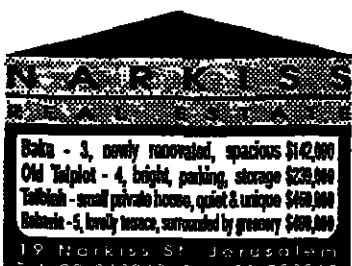
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Rabbi links Beit Lid bombing to disturbing bones at Jaffa dig

HERB KEINON

SEVERAL thousand haredim filled Mea She'arim's Shabbat Square yesterday afternoon to protest construction of a Jaffa apartment complex that they claim is being built on an ancient Jewish burial site.

Rabbi Aryeh Schechter, the head of an organization in Bnei Brak that tries to interest secular Jews in Orthodox Judaism, told the demonstrators there is a direct link between the alleged grave desecration and the suicide bombings at Beit Lid and on Rehov Dizengoff.

He said the fact that an Atr Kadisha activist who was arrested after demonstrating at the Jaffa site was released a few hours later because he was needed to identify the bodies of people killed in the Beit Lid blast made the link between the incidents clear.

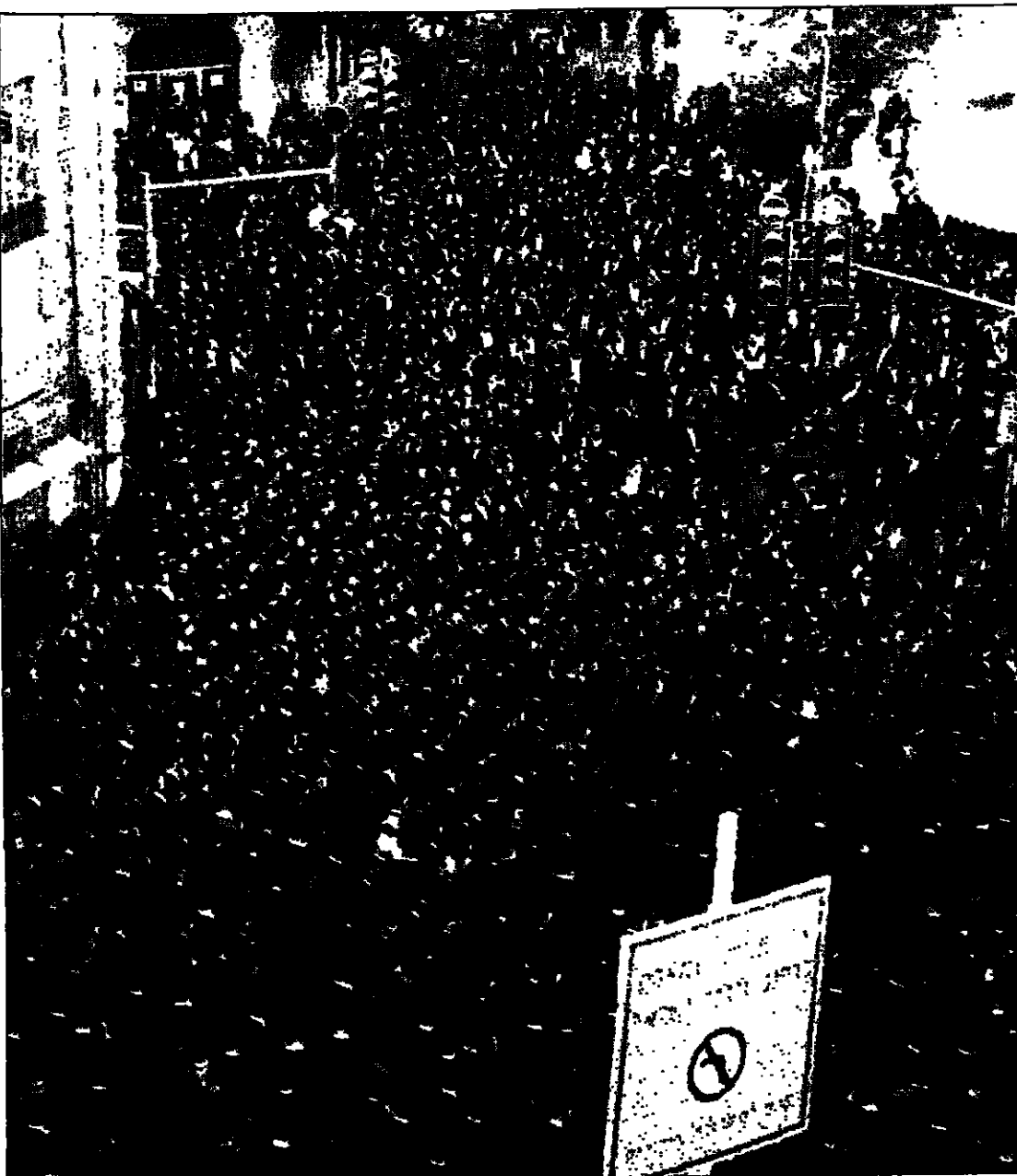
"We are protesting and releasing ourselves from the consequences of what they are doing," Schechter said. "The responsibility is theirs. Notice that the scuds did not fall on Bnei Brak or Jerusalem, but they fell in Tel Aviv."

Schechter leveled a blistering attack against the state. "We are in a place where they want to uproot religion, no less than what they did in Russia," he said. "But Russia fell. There is an end to the brutality."

While many haredim claim that the site of the proposed apartment complex is an ancient cemetery, Antiquities Authority officials maintain that the bones found there are animal bones.

Rabbi David Shmidei, head of the Atr Kadisha which is leading the fight against the apartment complex, encouraged the protesters to keep showing up at the Jaffa site to demonstrate. The demonstrations, he said, have slowed work on the complex.

Posters posted on Mea She'arim walls cautioned people not to buy an apartment in the complex. "This is a



Haredim protest in Jerusalem's Shabbat Square yesterday.

(Brian Hendler)

warning to all those who want to buy an apartment or store in the buildings that they are placing themselves and their families in danger by stealing the property of the

dead."

Not all at the demonstration, however, had their mind on the grave controversy. One entrepreneur saw a business opportunity in the vast

crowd and set up a computerized billboard mounted on a van that flashed advertisements for Shabbat candle holders, a furniture store and a mortgage bank.

Law student tells court: Knesset is passing laws wrong way

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset has been passing many laws by an improper, possibly illegal procedure, Knesset legal advisers admitted in material accompanying a petition to the High Court of Justice this week.

The petition, filed by a law student named Shai Chaimovsky, attacks the legality of an amendment to one of the municipal tax laws, which was included in a law dealing with expropriations. However, the method used to pass this amendment has been used to pass many other laws.

According to Knesset regulations, all laws must pass three readings, with one exception: Changes can be introduced in a bill between the first and second readings, and these changes do not need to be sent back for a first reading. However, the regulations state that these changes must be related to the actual subject of the law.

Over the past few years, however, the Knesset has begun introducing amendments to completely non-related laws into bills that are between first and second reading, thereby circumventing the need for a first reading.

For instance, the law which is the subject of the petition includes a completely non-related clause that extends one of the municipal tax laws.

In previous years, this law has been extended by means of clauses introduced into, among others, the Galilee Law, the Arrangement Bank Shares Law, the Germany-Israel Research and Development Fund Law, and the Pension Fund Law.

When Chaimovsky complained to Knesset legal adviser Zvi Inbar, Inbar agreed that it was improper.

"You are right," he said in a letter to Chaimovsky. "This backdoor method of legislation, by which laws have recently been amended without undergoing a first reading, is contrary to any proper legislative procedure, and we have already brought this to the attention of the Knesset Speaker and the chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee more than once."

Deputy attorney-general for legislation Shlomo Guberman also scored this tactic in a set of instructions on proper legislative procedure issued last year.

Speaker Shevah Weiss, however, wrote to Chaimovsky that "as Speaker, I cannot interfere in the legislative processes of the Finance Committee. [But] I also think the legislative procedure in the case under discussion was improper."

Chaimovsky therefore asked the High Court to declare the section of the expropriation law illegal.

If his petition is accepted, it would open the way for a challenge to all other laws passed in this fashion.



A woman lifts up a Torah scroll during a prayer service in Jerusalem's Old City attended by dozens of Reform rabbis yesterday. The rabbis, who are here for a conference, held the service near the excavations at the southern wall of the Temple Mount, rather than at the Western Wall, to avoid a confrontation with haredim and the religious authorities. A group of haredim awaited the rabbis' arrival, but they dispersed quietly when it became clear the rabbis did not intend to pray at the Wall.

(Text: Kim; Photo: Ariel Jerolimski)

Yair Levy's prison privileges suspended

RAINE MARCUS and Ilim

THE warden of the Ma'asiyahu Prison has decided to suspend the privileged conditions under which former MK Yair Levy was being held, until allegations he violated the terms of his rehabilitation are clarified.

A Prisons Service spokesman said Levy called the deputy warden Wednesday night to say he had gone home because of a personal problem. The spokesman said Levy was advised that this was a serious violation of the terms of his imprisonment, under which he must return to the prison directly from his work assignment.

Levy's case will be heard by the prison's rehabilitation committee. The statement was released by the Prisons Service after it apparently

learned that Ha'aretz had assigned a team to follow Levy and expose the alleged preferential treatment given to the former MK. Ha'aretz is publishing its report today.

The team followed Levy at 6:15 Wednesday morning, after he left the prison to work at an educational institution near his Bnei Brak home. But instead of going to work, the report said, Levy went home to his house before going to pray in his local synagogue.

He then went for a walk, after which he was taken for a ride by a friend, the report says. He arrived for work at 9, two hours late. In the evening he returned home, and when he noticed the Ha'aretz reporter and photographer outside his home, he phoned the jail to say he would be late.

Bezek union mum on back to work order

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Histadrut liaison to Bezek, Rahamin Laniado, yesterday called on all staffers of the public telecommunications company to halt their sanctions in accordance with the Tel Aviv Labor Court's restraining order issued Wednesday. But the union refused to say if it would do so, and telephone service was seriously disrupted in some areas.

Bezek management, which met yesterday, said that if the workers do not immediately return to work, it will ask the court for to cite them for

contempt, which usually entail fines for violators. If Bezek management requests it, Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni could ask the government for even more powerful back to work orders, but so far, the company has not commented on this possibility.

The workers are protesting against the government's decision last year to break Bezek's monopoly in international calls and to issue a public tender for the selection of two more companies.

Scores of Arab youths dig into Western Wall tunnel claiming excavations there endanger Temple Mount

ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

ARAB youths in Jerusalem's Old City dug into an Israeli archaeological tunnel Wednesday night, in an attempt to halt excavations they said were endangering parts of the Temple Mount.

The incident occurred at the northern end of the tunnel, which was excavated more than a decade ago along the western exterior of the Temple Mount wall.

Scores of youths, who had assembled at Wakf headquarters after hearing sounds of underground digging, armed themselves with hammers and broke into the tunnel. There was a scuffle with workers

from Romania who were carrying out the excavations and some scaffolding was damaged, but police soon separated the two groups.

Wakf officials said the excavations endangered structures on the Temple Mount and that the work was an impediment to the peace process.

The underground work was apparently connected to the municipality's intention to provide a surface exit from the tunnel onto the Via Dolorosa alongside the Omariya

School, to make the underground site more accessible to visitors. At present the only access to the tunnel, which was dug under the aegis of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, is from the Western Wall Plaza.

The tunnel permits visitors a close view of the enormous stones that were laid at the foundation of the Temple Mount, and also provides clues about the stages in the Temple Mount's construction.

A municipal official declined last night to estimate when the break-

through to the surface would be carried out but said that it would be onto public land alongside the Omariya School and not onto Wakf property. Archaeologists say the tunnel is not under the Temple Mount but alongside it and does not endanger any surface structures.

Representatives of the Wakf who met with municipal officials yesterday said that no understandings had been reached. A municipal official told The Jerusalem Post last night that it was agreed that the municipality would close the hole opened by the Arab youths. He said the underground work would continue.

Settlers plan to protest three-day closure of Machpela Cave

Hebron and Kiryat Arba residents plan to protest against a three-day closing of the Machpela Cave to both Jews and Moslems next week.

The settlers said the closing of the cave on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday for army maneuvers was done without advance notice. They said Kiryat Arba local council head Zvi Katzover met with

security officials two weeks ago, and no mention was made of such plans.

A demonstration is planned for Monday which the settlers said would draw about a thousand people, including rabbis, MKs and other public figures. However, no permit has yet been granted for the rally.

'Ma'ariv' ordered to send documents to fraud squad

RAINE MARCUS

THE Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court yesterday ordered Ma'ariv to transfer all documents relating to the daily's connections with private investigation companies to the National Crimes Squad.

Despite an earlier ruling ordering the daily to hand over all relevant documents, Ma'ariv management has not yet done so. Police investigating who commissioned widespread bugging services from private sleuths also made no attempt to collect the documents, the court heard.

Ma'ariv has in the past expressed its reluctance to hand over certain documents and the court ruled that these issues would be decided separately.

Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrod was interrogated recently by police for his alleged involvement in commissioning wiretapping.

The case continues to become more complex with ongoing wars between Ma'ariv and Yedioth Aharonot. Police sources said that additional investigations into illegal activities of other private sleuths are imminent.

Meanwhile, in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday lawyer Motti Katz, who is representing accused wiretapper Rafi Friedman, challenged District Attorney Rafi Levy on the 38-count indictment, arguing that there are "irregularities in the charge sheet, with many vital details missing."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Christians welcome Shetreet

The appointment of Shimon Shetreet as religious affairs minister has been especially welcomed by members of the Christian churches, according to Uri Mor, director of the department for Christian communities in the Religious Affairs Ministry.

Mor said yesterday that since Shetreet was named to the post, Mor has had numerous calls from Christian clergy expressing their satisfaction. The callers have said that as a law professor, Shetreet will undoubtedly be far more sensitive to the needs of minorities than his predecessors.

Three held for capital car scam

Three Jerusalem men had their remands extended yesterday in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court for allegedly stealing cars, fitting them with counterfeit license plates and renting them out to yeshiva students illegally.

Asher Weisfish, 29, Avraham Eini, 22, and Moshe Zicherman, 19, were arrested along with a woman who was later released. Police said they rented cars at major rental agencies, reported them stolen, then created a new "identity" for the cars. They then rented the vehicles or sold them to Arabs from the territories, who generally stripped them for parts.

The court ordered Weisfish and Eini held for another six days, while Zicherman was remanded for another eight days.

Man gets three years for killing wife

Boris Friedman, 38, of Ashdod, who killed his wife after catching her in bed with another man, was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to three years in prison by Beersheba District Court yesterday. The start of the sentence was delayed pending an appeal to the Supreme Court, claiming self-defense.

After catching his wife with the other man, the two had a violent argument, during which she ran into the kitchen and grabbed a knife. Friedman grabbed her arm and turned it, so that the knife cut her on the shoulder. He then tried to help her, but she threw him out of the house. When he returned seven hours later, he discovered she had bled to death.

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Inventor of Galil assault rifle dies

YISRAEL Galili (Balashnikov), the inventor of the Galil assault rifle and one of the developers of the Uzi, died yesterday. Considered one of the world's leading experts in the development of small arms, he worked for many years at Israel Military Industries (now Ta'as Israeli Industries).

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New health fund will cover cost of long-term psychiatric care

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Health Ministry will soon establish its own public health fund to care for 4,800 chronically ill patients hospitalized in psychiatric institutions for at least a year.

The ministry will also transfer its responsibility for all other psychiatric care for members of the four existing health funds to the funds themselves.

Ministry director-general Dr. Meir Oren said yesterday that the ministry will set up a health fund called Ruth (the Hebrew acronym for *Revaha Ve'tikva*, or "Relief and Hope") to care for these chronically ill patients as long as they remain in psychiatric hospitals.

They will remain members of their own health fund, which will cover treatment for their physical illnesses. But the expenses relating to their long-term hospitalization in psychiatric institutions will be covered by the health ministry.

Dr. Motti Mark, head of psychiatric services at the ministry, explained that the new health fund was necessary to ensure that funding of care for these difficult patients would not be harmed by budget cuts.

He noted that an amendment to the National Health Insurance Law would also have to be passed to change the formula by which insurers are compensated by the NHI for shorter-term and outpatient psychiatric care.

The regular formula distributes

four times as much in health taxes for a health fund member over the age of 65 as for one who is younger. But since psychiatric illnesses strike at any age, Ruth will have to be compensated not according to the patient's age, but his or her illness.

Oren, speaking at a symposium on the implications of the national health insurance system on psychiatric care, said efforts are being made to transfer the bulk of psychiatric care from inpatient hospitals to community facilities. This is possible, he said, through "better diagnosis and treatment."

At present, about 1,000 of the 7,000 institutionalized patients can be sent home and treated in community clinics run by their health fund, he said.

Ruth will also cover non-psychiatric patients in psychiatric institutions, including a few hundred mentally handicapped patients and a handful of autistic patients, but some of these will also be moved to outpatient facilities.

Mark denied that the ministry will "throw out" psychiatric patients who need inpatient care—a phenomenon that sent many thousands of mentally ill homeless to live on the sidewalks of major US cities.

"We will send patients to community facilities only when space is available and improved diagnoses will target those who will profit from ambulatory care in hostels, clinics or at home," he said.



A woman remembers her lost son yesterday at a memorial ceremony in Jerusalem for fallen IDF soldiers whose burial place is not known. (IDF Spokesman)

MKs will search in Egypt for fallen soldiers from '73

A DELEGATION of MKs is to visit Egypt shortly to search for missing IDF soldiers who fell in the Yom Kippur War. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told reporters yesterday, following a memorial ceremony for IDF fallen whose burial place is not known.

During his address at the ceremony, which took place at the

Mount Herzl Military Cemetery in Jerusalem, Rabin called on the governments of Jordan, Syria, Egypt, and Lebanon to allow Israel to search for the bodies of its fallen soldiers and to aid Israel in returning their bodies home for burial.

The MKs, members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, were invited by

Egyptian parliamentarians.

The ceremony, attended by hundreds of family members of missing soldiers, was also attended by President Ezer Weizman, Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar, and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak. (lim)

Three Kiryat Arba men lose their gun licenses

HERB KEINON

THREE Kiryat Arba residents who took part in a tour of Hebron in December 1993 that turned violent had their gun licenses revoked this week.

During the tour, a group of settlers came under a barrage of stones and were filmed firing directly on the Palestinian stone-throwers by television crews.

The IDF was criticized at the time because soldiers failed to intervene. Three Palestinians were injured, and the incident led to calls for stricter law-enforcement against settlers.

A spokesman for the Judea and Samaria police district said that the licenses were revoked because anyone with a criminal record cannot be

licensed to carry a weapon, and that in the incident in question the three men used their guns illegally and disturbed the peace. If the three appeal the decision, however, the police will review it.

One of the three men, Roni Siegel, a dentist from Kiryat Arba, told Israel Radio that "if they do not cancel this, they will take away my license and I won't be able to carry a pistol. I live in an area where it is very uncomfortable to be without a pistol."

Siegel denied it was logical for the police to take away his gun because he took part in violence, saying that the tour only turned violent after the group was barraged by rocks.

Ministerial committee to examine implementing long school day

BATSHEVA TSUR

EDUCATION Minister Amnon Rubinstein and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat have agreed to set up a committee of experts to advise them on the implementation of a long school day.

The matter will be brought up for a vote at Sunday's cabinet meeting. The cabinet has already agreed in principle to the idea of lengthening the school day to raise learning standards.

The proposed committee would be headed by Prof. Haim Adler of the Hebrew University's School of Education, and its members would include educational and scientific experts, representatives of the teachers' unions and the local govern-

ment authorities, and an economic expert.

The subjects on its agenda are expected to include an examination of the financial resources required for the changeover, which sectors of the school-going population would be affected; the need for extra manpower and physical facilities; and the economic consequences of a five-day work week.

If approved by the government, the committee will be asked to present its findings by the end of May, the Education Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

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Jordanian planes will begin overflying Israel today

HAIM SHAPIRO

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Five other flights are to fly over Israel during the day, with London, Frankfurt, and Paris as their destinations. Yesterday a direct line was opened between the air traffic control centers of the two countries.

According to Civil Aviation Administration director Menahem Sharon, the planes are to fly at 11,000 to 21,000 feet at night and on weekends, 11,000 to 17,000 feet in the afternoons, and 11,000 to 12,000 feet in the mornings.

Transport Ministry spokesman Eli Danon said yesterday that permission to fly to and from Jordan over Israel has only been given to Royal Jordanian Airways. Other airlines will need special permission.

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